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MRS. MINERVA ZIMMERMAN

Minerva Belzora Zimmerman, 103 years old, born April 17, 1856, in a log cabin located one mile east, one and one-half miles north of Silver Lake. Her father, Jesse David Stackhouse, sold this farm in 1859, to Isaac Sand for $1100, and moved the family to town, in a log cabin behind the store now operated by A. R. Ramsey.

Jesse Stackhouse married Maria Arnold and they had seven children, none of them living to be more than twelve years old, besides Minerva. Jesse died in 1873, and Maria in 1909.

Jesse was a carpenter by trade, and one of the cupboards he made, is still in the family. Minerva remembers when she was too small to see what was on the top of the lower part, so would climb on the bottom self to reach what she might want. After the carpenter trade, he operated a grocery, where A. R. Ramsey is. He dug his own well, twenty-three feet deep. He was also the second postmaster, after the Civil War.

Minerva started to school when she was six years old. She walked through the woods to the Deep Cut School, located where the Silver Star Drive-Inn is. This building was used for church services and funerals. Another school house was built where Iva Kline's home is located. In these two buildings, Minerva studied through all the grades offered.

MRS. MADGE BOUSE
Daughter

MRS. WAYNE HANEY
Granddaughter

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Fourth Generation

MARCEIL CONLEY

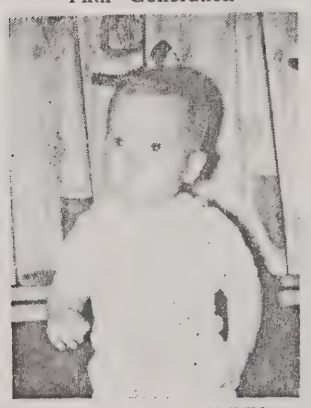
Fourth Generation

JAMES HANEY

Fifth Generation

HER SONS

Fifth Generation



HIS SON, SAMMY

When the people erected their first church, it was the Uuited Brethren, then the Lutheran, and Methodist, third. Until the Methodist Church was built, they held their services in the Lutheran, on Sunday afternoon.

The first homes, in Silver Lake, were located at these present locations:Artie Carr, former Frank and Ollie Sellers; Sells filling station, Russ Kerlin, Kenneth Kerlin, Charles Raber and their own log cabin where Freeman Neher now lives.

J. Paulus lived in a log cabin where Charles Raber now lives, and operated a log store, located where J. C. Grubb lives. In this store, they operated the first postoffice.

The building now located south of the Town Hall, was one of the first stores to be built. A man named Connor owned it.

Peter Kessler had a blacksmith shop where the Haney Hotel is.

The railroad went through in 1871 or 1872, after that, the town began to grow more rapidly.

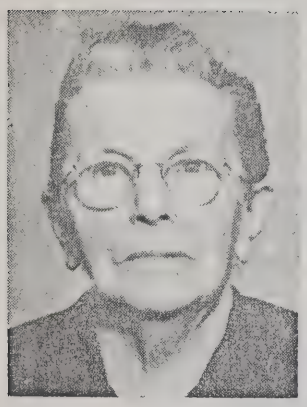
On December 22, 1873, Minerva married Jacob Zimmerman, in the house located where the Sells Service Station is. They lived in with her mother, as her father passed away in February, 1873. Jacob clerked in a store owned by a gentleman named Farrell, and here he learned the meat cutting trade, which he followed until the time of his death.

While Minerva and Jacob were living with her mother, they had three children, Clarence, Jessie, and Walter. In 1880, they moved to the home still occupied by Mrs. Zimmerman. There were seven more children born there. Of these ten children, eight are still living. They are Clarence and Walter, of Kendallville; Floyd, of Brazil; Robert, of Denver, Colo.; Arta, of Fort Wayne; Jessie Schwab, of Wawaka; Madge Bouse, of Silver Lake; and Marie Kemp, of Fort Wayne.

Jacob Zimmerman passed away August 23, 1921, and Minerva has stayed in her own home. In recent years, she has spent a few of the winter months with her children, but is always so thankful to get back to her own place. She always says "just want to be home" and to all the family that has a very special meaning. During summer months, she does her own cooking and cleaning, enjoys her radio, and reads her Bible daily. She enjoys visitors, and attends church services as often as she can. There are 17 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren, and 12 great great grandchildren.

Mrs. Zimmerman is looking forward to the graduation exercises at Silver Lake High School, when her great grandson, John Haney, will graduate this May, and will then look forward to the Centennial celebration, be it God's Will.

OLD TIMERS



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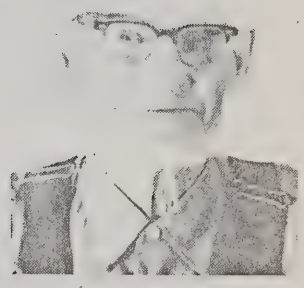


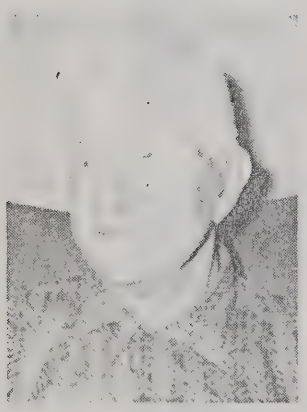
Dode Kline

A PRAYER FOR OUR TOWN

(On its Centennial Anniversary)

Dear Lord, we thank thee for our town
That's seen a hundred years,
And for the ones who founded it,
Those brave old pioneers!
We're grateful for our churches, school,
And business places too,
For organizations, families, homes
And neighbors kind and true.
For all the growth and progress we
Have made in every way,
Throughout each passing year, dear Lord,
We thank thee, and we pray
That thou wilt bless and guide us as
We face the future, and
Help us to make and keep our town
The best in all the land.

By—
Crystal Shoemaker



A. I. Bouse

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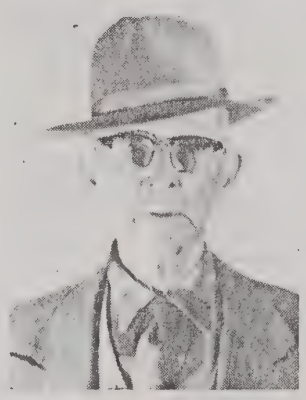
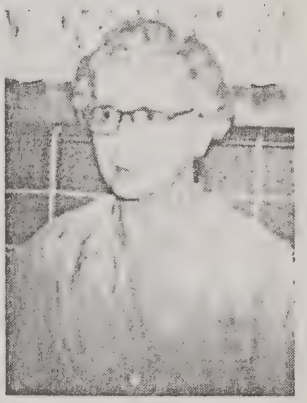


Frank Howard



Mrs. Alice Franks

Mrs. Alice Pyle

Artie A. Carr

Mrs. Stella Amiss

Mrs. Clara Vorhis

Nellie Drudge

EARLY HISTORY OF SILVER LAKE

Kosciusko County lies in the northeastern part of Indiana, south twenty three miles from the Michigan State line and west forty five miles from the Ohio line. The lands lying within the present limits were ceded to the United States Oct. 27, 1832. The President of the Commission on the part of the United States was ex-Governor Jonathan Jennings. The agent for the Indians was General John Tipton. The principal chiefs were "Flat-Belly," "Waw-waesse" and his brother "Musquabuck." The treaty was ratified January 21, 1833. The county boundary was established Feb. 1835 and the county organized April, 1836.

In the southern part of the county was a beautiful body of water known as Silver Lake and a tiny little village. Settlers in this part of the county were few, Indians and wild animals being the only inhabitants. In 1832, John Rhodes, with his family settled on Section 34. Their son, Enoch, was born October 1837, this being the first recorded birth. Other pioneer families following and establishing homes in the next few years were Isaac Vangilders, Chris Corrells, Amos Snoke, Joshua Herendeen, Caleb Phillips, Joshua Botkin, George, Samuel and John Butterbaugh, Gabriel Swihart and William Leffel. Mr. Leffel purchased a half section of land for $2.50 per acre and cleared most of it himself with his own hands. He and his family lived in a rude pole shanty until their hewed-log house was completed in 1839. New settlers arrived in 1840, from various eastern states, mostly Ohio and Virginia. They were the families of John and Chris Frantz, Jacob Hay, John and Sol Ulrey, John Montle and Abraham Roland. They all joined hands with those already here in the common effort of felling the heavy forests by which they were surrounded and developing farms, a work which was prosecuted with great vigor and produced very good results.

Two brothers, Jacob and Daniel Paulus were the first merchants of the village conducting a small store in a log building near the road on the hill west of what is now Silver Lake. In this log storehouse the first postoffice in the township was located; Jacob was postmaster and the mail was kept in a dry goods box. This store was left standing until 1884. These brothers were the original founders of Silver Lake, the town being laid out by them on grounds owned by Jacob, and was surveyed and platted by him March 8, 1859. Two other early residents, namely Ephraim Wells and Andrew Homman were also instrumental in founding the village.

This wide awake little hamlet, like the Apostle Paul, has had to answer to more than one name during its lifetime. At first it possessed the patriotic name Washington, but soon shifted from that to Paulusville and then Paultown by the edict of the Paulus brothers. About 1850 it was known as Silver Lakeville, the original plat was known as Silver Lakeville. Postal records reveal that the postoffice name changed to Silver Lake July 25, 1894. However, in the early advertising, even prior to 1894, the "ville" was dropped and business firms were known as, for example, the Silver Lake Flouring Mills or whatever the nature of the establishment happened to be.

Prior to the 1850s and 1860s, the community had no railroad, no telephones, no telegraph communications, no rural mail service, nor gravel roads. It did have miles of forest, with only sand, mud and corduroy roads, mail twice a week by carrier from Warsaw to Peru. It was the custom of the citizens to congregate at the postoffice when mail was due; the postmaster or his clerk would call the names on the letter received and the one among those waiting who was lucky enough to get a letter would answer 'here' and would step forward and receive it 'with thanks.' James Hall was then postmaster.

These early settlers were men of great courage and stamina. They had to make their own jobs often. There were no government subsidy checks, no social security checks, no pension checks to help support their families, often ten or twelve children. Because of necessity to make a living and through their own ingenuity, they soon had a prosperous village and community.

The first grist mill was built by Hall and Paulus in 1859, it being operated by steam. In 1865 it was destroyed by fire, but was rebuilt the following year by J. & D. Paulus and was operated by Yotter and brother. It was again destroyed by fire in 1894.

Henry B. Funk built and operated by steam a sawmill in 1848.

The first hotel was opened at Silver Lakeville in 1864 by Joseph Keplinger. In 1871 two hotels were erected, namely the "American House" and the "Silver Lake House." The former was operated by O. B. Turner, but owned by John Lawrence. Dan D. Myers was the popular proprietor of the Silver Lake House in 1886. His wife ably managed the suisine and commercial men made long trips in order to sit at the famous tables of this justly noted inn.

Elisha Worley had the first drug store and in 1868, Adam Stout was taken into partnership. Alvin Robinson purchased the stock in 1874. Adam Stout was also the grain merchant of the community operating a brick elevator near the depot. Charles E. Rantz was an extensive dealer in live stock and shipped the first car of stock over the railroad.

Looking north on Jefferson street. Southeast corner of business section had not yet been rebuilt following fire of 1883.

He also installed the first stock scales in the community.

Other industrial firms and businesses in the late 1800s and very early 1900s were of various natures. Preston Brown had a livery service; John F. McKrill, a veteran soldier, was a very prosperous smithy; Levi W. Myers boasted one of the finest saloon and billiard parlors in the county. It is said the lions on the porch of the residence property, first house south of the Kerlin Department Store on Jefferson Street were placed there by Mr. Myers when he had the residence remodelled and that they were originally the legs of a pool table.

Charles W. Shipley was a young merchant and proprietor of the only restaurant in the village. Henry Paulus had an extensive line of boots, shoes, harness and clothing in his store. Henry D. Geiger was owner of the Silver Lake mineral baths, the waters of which were attested to be remarkable curative in rheumatism and kindred diseases. A very importmant industry belonged to L. D. Keller, it being an extensive mill near the railroad and a planer and pump factory in a down town building.

In times of sickness, many home cures provided by Mother Nature were used, but the community could call on the able service of Dr. Daniel E. Terry, who came to the village in 1862, and later his son, Percy Terry, about 1880. Also in this year, another talented young physician started to practice. He was Dr. J. M. Amiss. It was noted in these early days that many people died from congestion of the lungs, which was called consumption. Very vivid accounts, and much in detail, were reported in the newspapers, of the deaths and burials of those days.

In 1863, the first tailor shop was established by Fred Wiltrout. His needle earned money enough to buy a nice farm, and place the family in independent circumstances. Mrs. Wiltrout was the first postmistress that ever handled Silver Lake mail.

Orestes B. Turner was the resident photographer and did as much for the improvements of the town, as any man residing inside her limits.

Chandler and Tenney were the manufacturers of fine carriages, surreys, and wagons. Decker and Haney had the marble works. Others responsible for the growth and advancement of the community, were John Bilger, an industrious farmer and dealer in agricultural implements; O. P. Jaques and Mack Forest; H. J. Conner and Son; Fitton and Jontz and John Kerlin, all dealers in general merchandise and groceries during this period of years; also J. W. Hawley, furniture dealer and manufacturer; and A. McClure, bakery. In 1882, James Meek was in the furniture and undertaking business. Levi Yount and L. W. Myers erected a brick business house on Main Street, occupied by Babcock's Drug Store.

The Silver Lake Lodge No. 499, A.F. & A.M. was organized December 5, 1873, with U. I. Ward, Worshipful Master; Henry Paulus, Senior Warden; Peter Kessler, Junior Warden. The charter was granted in 1875, but after seven years' trial, it was surrendered. Silver Lake Lodge No. 576, IOOF was organized January 1, 1886, with Harry Leonard, Noble Grand; William Ellinger, Vice Grand; Hiram Sarber, recording secretary; Charles Hill, permanent secretary; Gib K. Smith, treasurer; trustees, G. W. Yotter, O. M. Hoover, and William Beck.

Herendeen Post No. 306, GAR, Commander Alvin Robinson; Senior Vice, F. M. Jacques; Junior Vice,

About 1901. Note Model Store sign. Wilford Homman, L. W. Myers, W. Kemper, Harry Haney, M. Wedrick, M. D. Yotter, William Fasig, James Babcock, Earl Alspaugh, Ray Henderson, Floyd Zimmerman (white coat), Luther Roper, James Decker, and James Arthur.

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Looking west on Main street from the crossing at the Leonard and McClure homes. Picture taken morning of December 7, 1899, after burning of Silver Lake Hotels, which occupied plot where Kerlin Tractor Sales is located and also portion of the lot to the east.

C. E. Rantz; Quartermaster, Samuel Carr; Officer of the Day, Isaac Shideler; Officer of the Guard, John Knowles; Delegate to the National Encampment, C. E. Rantz, with James Meek as alternate.

It was during the year 1870 that Lake Township became a part of Kosciusko county.

Did you know that it was against the law to allow a horse or mule to run loose within the town limits, that it was unlawful to let a team stand without being tied, and that it was unlawful to throw paper on the streets or anything that would scare horses? All these things were made unlawful by town ordinances in the early days of incorporation, and though they may seem like oddities to us now, they were much needed ordinances in those days.

The first town record available, was dated May 11, 1877. Samuel Smith was president, and Charles Hill another member. The minutes said Martin E. Tridle had resigned and that James Hall was appointed. Julian Oconner was clerk; Henry Paulus, treasurer; and William Haney, marshal. On May 19, 1877, Ordinance No. 1 was passed. It declared that every citizen should clean the alleys adjacent to his premises within thirty days from that date, or be fined in any sum not exceeding one dollar. Ordinance No. 2, passed on the same date, set a license fee of one dollar for all pack peddlers. It was also enacted that an assessment of twenty cents on the hundred dollars be levied as corporate taxes. The early citizens were not burdened by high taxes.

June 2, 1877, Ordinance No. 3 made it unlawful for any mule, horse or jack to run loose in town. The next ordinance made it mandatory for Main and Jefferson Street residents to put down sidewalks of plank, brick or gravel. Ordinance No. 5 said it was unlawful for any person or persons to be throwing stones, balls or other missles within the corporate limits. On November 16, it was made unlawful for hogs or pigs to roam at large, but evidently that didn't stop the pigs, for the next March another ordinance declared it unlawful for any pig over eight weeks old to run at large without a ring in his nose.

In November, 1878, it was made unlawful to tie a horse to a shade tree, and the fire warden was ordered to inspect all flues in town and make a report. If you run down the street unnecessarily, you are a law breaker. In December, 1878, the board made it unlawful to use vulger or profane language or to be intoxicated, or to run or hallow unnecessarily.

In 1879, they got around to building a calaboose. The minutes say, "On motion of Tridle, second by Bilger, it was unanimously voted to accept the job of building the calaboose, and to allow Wood and Flora the sum of $9 (nine) for building said calaboose, which was built of 2 x 4 oak scantling, 12 x 14 feet, 8 feet high." The roof cost another $4 (four). Old timers say this building was erected near what is now the location of the office of the Metzger and Son Trucking Co. They also recall the incident of the time a prominent citizen was put in the calaboose and his wife was caught in her attempt to "chop" him out during the night.

It was also unlawful for any person to sell, barter or give away liquor in less quantity than a quart at a time, without paying an eleven dollar license fee.

Looking northwest from top of Silver Lake Hotel building. The U. B. Church (as it looked 70 years ago) can be seen very plainly. X1 where the Yount property now located, and X2 residence just north of Leckrone's office.

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SILVER LAKE

Looking west, hotel buildings in right foreground, school house, right background, on Kline property.

One might easily assume from the very few records available, regarding the publishing business, that it must not have been a very lucrative business, as it changed ownership quite frequently. The first publication was named the Silver Lake Messenger, published by A. P. Cosgrove, with Worley and Ladd as editors, and dated September 22, 1881. Noted in this, was the fact that J. W. Harrell had disposed of his hardware stock to Kemper and Leckrone, and asked all indebtedness to him, to please settle. F. M. Shipley had a new clover huller. Jones and Amiss owned the novelty works and were advertising for wood. In an ad of Alvin Robinson's Drug Store, wines and liquors were advertised for medical purposes.

A Mr. John King, associated with the publishing business in the early days, related how he accidentally became a printer. Will A. Wells, who established the Silver Lake Times, in 1881 was operating a newspaper at Laketon. On the night that President Garfield was shot, Mr. King, as a lad, was at a meeting at the United Brethren Church in North Manchester. Editor Wells heard of the assassination, and wanting to get out an extra, a considerable feat for a country weekly in those days, allowed young King to help. It was his first experience as a printer. In January, 1883, Mr. Wells started publication of the Times at Silver Lake, and the project was financed by George Amiss. Mr. King, then about thirteen, came with Wells, to Silver Lake and helped get out the first issue on January 6. It was printed on the Washington hand press, two pages at a time. He told of how the pulling of the big lever on the presses, was an art, and many times a beefy fellow, who for all his weight, could not throw the lever over, was nonplussed as some bantam weight who knew the knack, easily yanked the lever. Newspaper making, in Silver Lake in those days, was extremely hazardous as far as making money was concerned and after about six months, Wells sold the Times to C. M. Smith, in the summer of 1883. King was paid fifty cents (50c) per week and "keep." An interesting item, noted in the Silver Lake Times issue of January 6, 1883, was that Jesse Moyer and Ben Rantz, of Laketon, had called at the office and spit in the new gold cuspidor, also that Silver Lake needed a good attorney, and George Amiss had leased his share of the novelty works to Penrod and Ladd.

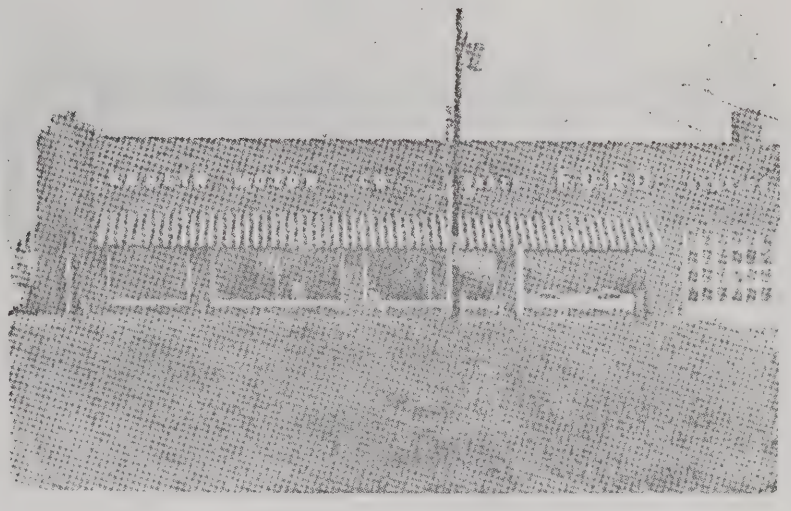
An issue dated June 23, 1883, recalls that Meek and Vangilder were advertising furniture and undertaking with "a good hearse to attend funerals." Vangilder brothers were advertising hardware, Richardson and Moran were operating the Auction Store, Frank Fleck was operating his meat market, and E. C. Wiltrout was the merchant tailor. Solomon Boyer, Ezra Homman and Alvin Robinson were on the town board.

In 1886, records state that G. W. Worley was editing the Silver Lake Chronicle.

In 1891, November 19, the first issue of the Silver Lake News was published. The editor, G. W. Argerbright, had changed the name from the Silver Lake Signal, when he bought the business. He was backed, in this business venture, by H. D. Pontius, J. J. Babcock, L. B. Yount, James Decker, L. F. Hanes, and H. Pontius. Merchants advertising then, included Wood and Bowser, attorneys at law, Warsaw; E. G. Getty of the American House; Pontius and Decker; M. M. Alexander of the Silver Lake Flouring Mills; P. E. Terry, physician; Sarber and Company, drygoods; Geo. M. Alexander, wagons; J. A. Meek, furniture; H. Paulus, Babcock and Snoberger, The

J. E. Eschbach delivering address in Silver Lake, on public square, July 4, 1908.

CARS TRUCKS



SALES SERVICE

SERVICE SALES

TRACTORS, IMPLEMENTS, HOMLITE CHAIN SAWS,
Fence, Lawn Boy Mowers

Picture taken about 1876. Buildings were burned in 1883. Were located where the Bickel Grocery, Meat Market, Gresso Store and Bank are now located. Buildings were, left to right: Henry Paulus Harness Shop, Andrew McClure Restaurant, Joel W. Hawley Furniture, and F. M. Jaques with a General Store. Fitton Building being erected on corner where Post Office is now located.

Vienna Restaurant; Silver Lake Creamery, Taber Brothers; and Cavender of the Commercial Bank. Good brooms were advertised for ten cents. Adam Stout was advertising a sale of property of the late George White. H. Paulus store was robbed of one hunderd dollars in merchandise for the fourth time, and there were six passenger trains each day, through Silver Lake. The next information available, of change of ownership, was December 6, 1897, when Mrs. H. D. Sarber relinquished ownership of the Silver Lake Record, to John C. Martin.

The town was most unfortunate, in one respect, because it lost much by fire. In 1883, the entire block on the southeast corner of Main and Jefferson was destroyed by fire. It is unfortunate that records are not available and that not anyone contacted, has wanted to go on record and make the statement as to who rebuilt this corner. It is pretty definitely known and remembered, by old timers, to have stood vacant for a number of years.

During the late 1890's, Silver Lake could also boast of a fine tile factory, a cider mill, and a large slack barrel stave factory, which employed twenty men. The schools were among the best in the county. The village could be commended for its splendid cement walks, which paralleled nearly every important thoroughfare. Five churches had been erected in the town and nearby community, namely the United Brethren, organized in 1855; the Methodist in 1864, the Lutheran in 1865. The German Baptist Church was erected on Sec. 3, in 1868, and the Union Church was erected in 1868, on the John Rhodes farm, and was the property of various denominations. All churches were in a prosperous condition. Businessmen and citizens were happy and contented. The beautiful lake, only a half a mile away, afforded a cool and restful resort for the people, during the summer months. Fishermen found it a delightful place to ply their craft and while away a dull hour.

A most delightful form of entertainment was the home talent plays, given in the Opera Hall. A bobsled load of young people from Claypool, attended the performance on December 25, 1897, of this program:

"FRUITS OF THE WINE CUP"

M. HAMILTON— - - -	L. L. Kemper
CHAS. BAILY— - - -	Shockey Stout
SPECULATION— - - -	B. E. Coxley
KATE HAMILTON— - -	Myrtle Smith
MR. BAILY— - - -	G. W. Hawley
ANDREWS— - - -	Francis Rager
J. THORNHILL— - -	L. D. Underhill
MARY BRIERLY— - -	Senia Wiley
SARAH WINTERS— - -	Bertha Hoke

Admission, 5c, 10c and 15c—tickets were on sale at Corner Drug Store.

South side Main street, looking east, Silver Lake. Corner building occupied by Gresso store in 1909.

Arnold's Market

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E. G. Summe Hardware & Furniture

Monogram Oil Heaters - Gibson Refrigerators, Home Freezers and

Electric Ranges - Philgas Ranges - Speed Queen & Maytag Washers

Zenith Radios - Stoves - Philco Full Line - Shelf Goods,

Kroehler and John Madden Overstuffed Suites

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Picture taken about 1878. Showing south side of Main street just west of Big Four Railroad. Brick house to extreme right now occupied by the Roscoe Ferverda family.

An issue of the Silver Lake Record, in 1898, makes this statement regarding the progress of the town: The factories are running with a full force of men, and all have employment who are not too infernally lazy to take a place when a chance is offered them. The prospects now are that Paulus Brothers butter-tub factory will be in operation steadily during the balance of the pear. With the best of prospects for a flouring mill to be erected this fall yet, and some talk of an electric light plant, what need have we to kick of no progress in our little city this year. For a pleasant resident town and profitable business center, Silver Lake has no equal.

A new feed mill was in operation in November, 1899, with this advertisement, "I have rigged up my feed mill and am prepared to give satisfactory work every week day. Crushing and grinding, 5c; corn meal ground and sifted, 5c per bushel; corn and oats, 4c. Give us a trial. IRA BURK."

On December 7, 1899, another disastrous fire wiped out the beautiful hotel building, which had just reached its height of perfection, under the management of L. W. Myers and Mrs. H. T. Sarber. Speculation was that it started from an exploding lamp in the apartments of Mr. and Mrs. Myers. The alarm was spread by Floyd Zimmerman, who procured the key to the Lutheran Church, and rang the bell as it had never been rung before. The hotel was never rebuilt.

Local businessmen advertising at that time were: Stout and Son, General hardware; McGlennen's, when you want groceries, fresh bread 3c per loaf; S. B. Burdge's, carpets from 25c to 60c per yard, furniture—undertaking a specialty; Farmer's Bank, W. J. Fitton, cashier; Elmer Snell, sale-crying, one and one half mile east Rose Hill; Isaac Brown, THE MODEL, dry goods, boots, notions; F. M. Jacques, men's furnishings, dry goods, shoes; Corner Drug Store, Dr. Chas. Rager, prop.; Dr. J. C. Hay, dentist; Jontz, Dulaney & Co., general merchandise; Mrs. H. T. Sarber, millinery goods; Henry Paulus, trunks, valises, harness, boots, shoes; Joel Tilman, harrows and plows (later purchased by Leaonard & Anglin).

July 4th was a big day for Silver Lake. All work was put aside and evryone came to town to join in the festivities. Ample provisions were made for feeding the teams, and a fine grove made an ideal place for all the picnic dinners. Hundreds of people came to this celebration, estimates as high as a thousand were not uncommon. A typical program was as follows: Booming of Cannon at Sunrise; 9:30, form procession for grove, music by band, invocation by Rev. Jones, song by Glee Club; 10:30, Address, Dr. I. W. Singer, Anderson, Song, Glee Club; 12:00, Dinner, everybody eat; 1:30, Address, Hon. L. W. Royse; 2:30, ball game; 4:30, five mile bicycle race, prize, box cigars; sack race, prize, pair shoes; pie race, prize, huckleberry pie; fat man's race, prize, cigars; ladies bicycle race, prize, $3.50 pair shoes; balloon ascension; fireworks display. This program was for the year 1899. Some years later, the celebrations were held at Myrtle Glenn park.

March 22, 1907 drug store. L. W. Myers, Percy Helser, Bud Jontz, Ray Hively, H. P. Rager, Ruth Getty, Delbert Kerlin, ... Getty, Everett Yates, ... Reed, Chas. Jameson, Jacob Teeter.

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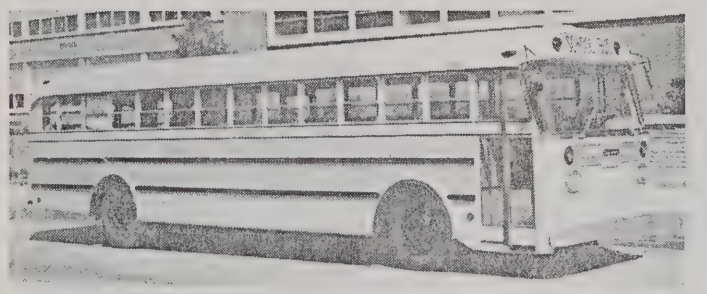

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Silver Lake Hotel Building. Burned December 6, 1899. Stood on lot where Kerlin Tractor Sales is now located and also occupied portion of lot east of garage.

Public band concerts, in the open air band stand, were given weekly by local musicians, for many years. This stand was quite a landmark for more than twenty years. According to our information, it was erected in 1891, and the only support, at first, was a massive cedar post, furnished by Ted Rantz, that was 14 x 16 inches. Ira Burk donated the sawing, and the work was donated. The middle post was later supplemented by braces. There were big rocks buried, to hold the post. Many were the notes, both blue and sweet, that echoed from the old band stand on concert nights, when the local bandmen got under way. Nor was Silver Lake's band to be set in the shade when it came to music. Not always, though did the stand serve musicians.

Russ Kerlin remembers one time when the morning after Halloween found a buggy perched atop the stand, nor did Russ exactly remember how it got there. This stand also served as a road guide. In a guide booklet, popular in those days, the way to North Manchester was routed thus, "Turn east at the bandstand in Silver Lake, east two miles to church, south two miles, east two miles, south two miles, east a mile." The old stand served as a guide-post to many a strange traveller. Several years after it was torn down, a stranger pulled up at the corner one day and asked the name of the town. When told it was Silver Lake, he asked, "Where is the bandstand that the guide book tells about?" About 1915, the old stand was torn down, when the Gresso Road (now State Road number 14) was built. Frank Hayman bought it and later made a hog house of it. A humble end to a staunch career.

The big news of the year 1900, was the bank robbery. The Commercial Bank was looted by experienced crooks. Three explosions, in quick succession, netted them $3,000. On a January morning (exact date unrecorded) between the hours of one and two o'clock, an explosion attracted the attention of night watchman Burt, who was engaged in eating his lunch in the Alvin Bowen's Barber Shop. Rushing to the street, he saw, at a glance, that a light was in the room of the Commercial Bank, and parties could plainly be seen moving about the interior. He proceeded to awaken a number of citizens and informed them of his discovery. As he was returning towards the bank, in company with William Price, they met five men near the residence of Frank Jacques.

Burt at once commanded them to halt and throw up their hands. Their reply was a volley of shots from their revolvers, which was promptly answered by the brave watchman and his fearless companion. Those who heard the shooting, say it sounded very much like a regular fusillade, and that at least forty or fifty shots were exchanged. Burt had dropped to the ground, and while in this position, continued to fire until all the chambers of his revolver were emptied. Price received a bullet in his left hand, but

Northwest corner public square in Silver Lake. Corner room now occupied by Ramsey Store. Picture taken in 1910. Persons on walk, as recalled, left to right: W. A. Swihart, "Rose" Jontz, "Bud" Jontz, William Price, F. D. Hayman, T. J. Colbert, and Dr. J. M. Amiss.

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A scene about 1910, in early spring. Summe Bros. big annual event to open farming season. Many prizes given, the most valuable being a new buggy. Note Mark Yotter's dray wagon in right foreground.

regardless of this injury, he was game and kept his revolver popping until it had exhausted itself of its leaden messengers. The robbers started on a run, but one seemed to lag, and was heard to say that he was shot. However, the others, of the gang, helped him along and fled in the direction of the Big Four tracks. Investigation disclosed the fact that the Big Four handcar house had been broken into and the car taken. Later, the car was found at North Manchester, and another handcar, belonging to the Wabash road, had been taken by a party of men, who were seen going east on the Wabash. Information is that the Commercial Bank was located in the building now known as the Pacquette building, which is across the alley from the Summe Hardware, on the south side of Main Street. The Bowen Barber Shop was in the rear of the Pegg Drug Store, and the Jacques residence was what is now the Dale Sittler residence.

Entrance to the bank was effected by bursting open a rear door. The safe, a huge affair about six feet in height and four feet wide, was opened by knocking off the combination knob with a large hammer and then drilling holes, in which dynamite was inserted. The vault inside, was similarly dealt with, and the time lock thereon blown to pieces by the powerful explosive. Everything in the way of money and valuables was taken, with the exception of a sack containing about $30 in pennies. A few pieces of silver coin were picked up by parties who were inspecting the path taken to the railroad, by the escaping robbers. The safe was badly wrecked and will require an expenditure of a couple of hundred dollars for repairs. The glass in the windows in the front of the bank building, were shattered by the force of the explosion. This was one of the most daring and skillfully executed jobs of safe blowing ever committed in northern Indiana, and had been most carefully planned. A. Stout and Co., proprietors of the bank, were fully insured and ready for business in a few days.

During the next few years, a number of business establishments changed hands. Paulus Brothers sold their sawmill and stave and heading machinery to Dunbar & Mathews, of North Manchester; J. J. Babcock announced to friends that he had bought the stock of staple and fancy groceries of Jacob Rager; T. J. Colbert and Co. purchased the general merchandise of the Isaac Brown Store; and Chas. Wells disposed of the Oak Barber Shop to Al Bowen. In August, Dr. Terry, the physician for many years, moved to Rochester and was replaced by Dr. Ira Leckrone. About the latter part of 1900, citizens began to discuss the possibility of free rural mail delivery. Strangely enough, like most new ventures, many people were opposed, because of the fact it was "free," it would be no good.

The Peoples Drug Store, present site of Pegg's

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August 15, 1922, on Main Street, east edge of business houses. Left to right, standing: Ben Fuller, H. P. Rager, A. W. Crisler, B. F. Platt, George Waite, Roy Helser, Ira Burk, William Riley, Eby, C. C. Hanson, Harry Stroble, Vernon Nelson, E. Braube, Harry Kline. Left to right, sitting: potographers son (on curb), E. E. Maurer, Harry McIntyre, Montel, Lewis Leckrone, Joe Polley, Herbert Hill, Donald Thacker.

In 1902, F. M. Jacques retired from a long established dry goods and grocery business, and it was taken over by J. T. Dickey & Son; Walter Horn sold his restaurant to Smith and Pearson; T. J. Alspaugh purchased J. H. Anglins interest in the hardware stock of Anglin and Leonard; and T. C. McClure purchased the meat market from T. J. Alspaugh.

In 1903 and 1904, other changes saw W. A. Swihart, formerly of Roann, rent the Henry Paulus storeroom and will operate it as a general merchandise store. R. M. Donaldson, of Akron, bought the stave factory of Dunbar and Mathews. The factory employed twenty men and had a capacity of eighteen to twenty thousand staves per day. Another big fire hit the town in September of 1903, when Ira Burk's sawmill was destroyed with a loss of $3,000. He had no insurance, but nevertheless, started rebuilding immediately. Ed Snoke, our good natured blacksmith, became a partner with Frank Helser, who moved here from Rose Hill. They opened a blacksmith shop on what is now the vacant lot across the alley from the Metzger Trucking office.

Early in 1904, Chas. Pearson became owner of the restaurant he and Smith had been operating; Floyd Zimmerman purchased the Corner Drug Store of Chas. Rager; and on May 20, the Commercial Bank closed its doors temporarily, but information from Adam Stout, assured that all depositors would be paid in full.

Many memories were revived when Mark Yotter discovered a newspaper story of Ol' Doc Bigelow, who wrote his own funeral sermon and gave detailed instructions for his burial. It seems that Ol' Doc was a prophet of his day, but as is usually the case, wasn't appreciated, and was thought by some, to be slightly "tetched." Eccentric, no doubt, and a practitioner of the medicine of the day, and dispenser of the herbs of the fields and woods, he was remembered by most of the older residents here. They tell how the doctor stood around on street corners, many times, and told his incredulous listeners, that at some day not too far distant, we would fly through the air in a machine, we would talk through the air without wires, and of many other miracles that have since come to pass. He was a constant reader of the Bible and backed his prophesies with the Book. His funeral oration, as written by himself, says he was born in Ohio and lost his mother at seven years and his father at fourteen, and receiving the cuffs of the world and with a limited education, he began the study of the arts and sciences of mind and matter, according to God's law. He was a Civil War veteran, and for some years owned the property where Floyd Drudge now lives. It was while living there, one authority tells us, that Doc Bigelow was responsible for the carp that now infest some of the nearby lakes. He built a dam

Mark Yotter and his team of mules. Mark took over his father's drayline business and operated it from 1902 to 1918. These mules pulled the wagon, making many trips from depot to town, delivering freight.

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Hiram Rager grocery in building between Town Hall and Drug Store. Fred Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Rager.

in the low spot on that property, and from somewhere in the east, "imported" a number of carp, to grace a pond that accumulated from the dam. During one of the next summer's deluges, the dam washed out, the pond disappeared, and the carp had floated down to Silver Lake. That's the story told. Financial reverses came, and the doctor later lost the property.

It is also told that while he lived in the property that stood on the corner south of the Phil Amiss place, that a son was playing "Home, Sweet Home" at the piano, during an electrical storm. Lightning struck the house, killing the boy. Two days after Christmas, in 1895, the doctor died of congestion of the lungs. Among his possessions, was found the following directions for his burial. "Where Death find the body, convey it directly to the graveyard. After the friends are dismissed, let them put the dirt back, filling every crevice around the coffin, stamping it down solid, so it will not settle, for who will care for these graves now. Let my sermon be read by some competent person as they view my casket of clay, that the services may be as short as possible, for the good of the living. My choice would be (if convenient) to be buried just as the sun is sinking in the west, by the Masonic Order, assisted by Comrades of War; for a salute if you desire. Remove the ships from the graves, then put fine sand onto the two graves, cut two planks to go between the curbing each side of the grave. Throw all the dirt out of the graves to the west, leaving a walk next to the curb, the friends and presiding officers at the front of the grave. No comments as to my life and death by any person. Leave my body with Mother Dust and my soul with my Maker. Thanks to kind friends. Seth G. Bigelow."

As he desired, the local Masonic Oreder held the funeral. It was a bleak day, with a raw wind off the lake. John Arthur, Big Four agent then, who was selected as a man who could properly read the sermon, read as fast as the occasion would permit, but had to omit parts, in deference to the freezing fingers and ears. The graves of Bigelow, his wife and son, are in the older part of Lakeview cemetery.

In 1905 and 1906, a number of transactions occured which were of great importance to the future

Pie eating contest on public square in Silver Lake, on July 4, 1908. (note bandstand)

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of our town. The firm of Gresso, Bechtelheimer and Company changed hands and became known as the E. W. Gresso and Compay. Mr. and Mrs. John Ayres leased the Hively Hotel from May 1905 to December 1905, when Jacob Haney became the owner. The building, today, is still operated by a daughter, Mrs. Chloe Vincent, as a tourist home.

The Central Drug Store, which was operated by E. B. Flavien, was sold to J. D. and J. E. Cline.

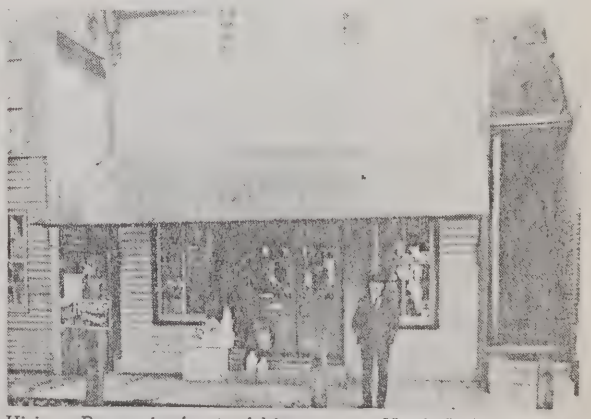
The Farmers Bank had the distinction of being among the first in the state to comply with a new law regarding private banks.

The Peoples Mutual Telephone Company made additions to its switchboard, and in July, 1906, talk first began about a water works system for Silver Lake.

The Commercial State Bank opened for business, and finally in June, 1906, S. B. Flora completed installation of his electric light plant and the dark corners, in local homes, soon began to disappear.

In December, 1907, county surveyor Blue and a deputy were here a couple of days, running new lines for the corporation boundary of Silver Lake. These lines will extend beyond the old boundary lines in each direction, especially west and north. On the west, the new line will include the F. M. Jacques (now J. C. Grubb) place, by extending it to the half mile limit. Mr. Jacques objected strenously to the extension and will investigate the validity of the action. It is said, by those who are in a position to know, that inasmuch as the board did not publicy advertise the proposed action for the extension of the corporate limits, that it is not legal and will not hold. The extension to the north, on the west side of the street, will take in a number of residents who have located and built outside of the old line and the corporation. It also included the Leffel place (residence of Harley Rager, opposite entrance to cemetery) which, although not so far out, is somewhat isolated. Mr. Leffel does not feel friendly to the proposition, and thinks it is doing him an injustice. While the old line took in practically everything in east Silver Lake at the time the line was established, a number of improvements have since been added and these have been brought into the new limits, including some of the Carter land. There has not been any material change in the line on the south.

Four large buildings, which are still part of our business district today, were built during the next ten years: namely, the Braude Packing Plant and Creamery (now the Metzger Trucking Company); the Crown Hotel, built by S. B. Flora (now the Enos



Hiriam Rager in front of his store on North Jefferson, east side. Stairs leads to upstairs above Pegg's Drug Store. Other building was next to present town hall, but was torn down.

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Keith Yotter, Bicknell (teacher), Hollice Bryant, Sherman Hilderbrand, Harry Haney, Fred Wiltrout. 1906. Silver Lake's first basketball team.

building). L. W. Myers constructed a two story cement block on Main Street (Kerlin Tractor) and the Fitton building, an old landmark, was wrecked and replaced by a modern brick, (now the Post-office corner).

Not anyone needs a reminder of the first World War, certainly, but it may be of interest to know that to help conserve limited amounts of sugar, now available to the American people in general, orders were received, by local fountain proprietors, to discontinue the sale of ice cream sundaes; also, that on August 8, 1918, before an estimated crowd of three to five thousand people, Senator Watson gave an address on "Patriotism and the War" in our town. C. LeRoy Leonard was chairman of the meeting, and Mr. Watson was introduced by Hon. J. E. Eschbach. Miss Bernice Maggart, a very talentel and beautiful lady of our community, sang two solos.

In 1919, C. I. Bashore purchased the Ramsey property, north of town, and started the construction of the Silver Lake Egg Farm and Hatchery. He was among the first to try the new method of lighting hens for more egg production.

He installed several mammoth incubators and secured hatching eggs from his own flocks and farmer flocks from a distance of many miles. By 1924, hatches ran as high as fourteen thousand baby chicks per week, and shipments were made to all parts of the United States. This enterprise created many jobs for local people, as well as boosting postoffice revenue and shipments from the local depot. It was discontinued after the death of Mr. Bashore.

In 1920, two local men, A. R. Ramsey and E. E. Summe, started a grocery store in the present location of the Ramsey Grocery. In 1926, Summe disposed of his interest to Ramsey, and entered enbalming school. He established the Summe Furniture and Undertaking business in December of the same year, when he purchased the business of E. T, Baber.

Proud new owners of cars, mostly Fords, began stirring up the dust, more and more on the streets, about 1910. Among those first fortunate people were, Jacob Rhodes, Joe Kerlin, W. W. Hill, Ray Hender-

A. R. Ramsey and E. E. Summe in doorway of their store, October, 1920. Now site of Ramsey grocery.

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Early scene inside drug store.

son, Noah Frantz, E. Braude, Percy Perry, Harry Kline, Charley Young, Esta Gresso, J. D. Lee Cline, R. H. Harris, Owen Moore, and Ray Cline. In 1916, the Touring car Ford was advertised for $440, and the Runabout at $390. During 1923, Fred McKown, local Ford agent, stated he had sold 260 new Fords and 229 used cars.

A motion picture theater, The Paramount, was opened in the early 1920's, in the building now occupied by Dick Underhill. It was not in operation very many years, but the very latest pictures were shown. These were, of course, the silent pictures.

In 1923, a group of businessmen organized the Commercial Club, for the purpose of promoting the economic, civic and social welfare of Silver Lake and vicinity. C. I. Bashore was elected president; H. P. Rager, first vice president; W. H. Kern, second vice president; George Summe, treasurer; Fred McKown, secretary; E. T. Baber, assistant secretary. There were 25 members.

About 1925, the Raviluma Cafe was opened in the room adjoining the Ramsey Grocery. It was operated by Ralph Liggett, and the original name given it, was formed by the two first letters of the names of the Liggett daughters, Rachel, Vivian, and Lucy, and the mother, Mary. A large painting, about 4 x 17 feet, was painted on the back wall by Gus Deford, which attracted the attention of all visitors. Mr. Deford is an artist of wide reputation, and recently came to Silver Lake from Huntington. The cafe was in operation about a year.

Again, as had happened for a number of years previously, "Rose Bud Slim" made his usual round of painting mail boxes and screen doors, with the name of the owner and his familiar rose bud symbol in attractive colors. He was a genial sort of character, walking from town to town with his painting equipment and few personal possessions wrapped in

Looking east on Main Street. Residence of Bob Zimmer on right, Methodist parsonage on left.

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A one time band of Silver Lake. Picture taken about 70 years ago. Members of band left to right: William Hamilton, party unknown, Monroe Paulus, C. W. Shipley, John Dunlap, Levi Yount, William Gast, Frank Wiltrout, Benj McCutcheon, O. M. Hoover, Joseph Kemper, Lloyd Dunlap, John Penrod, Aaron McCoy, leader.

a small bundle and fastened to the end of a stick, which he carried over his shoulder. While in this community, he would make the stockyards building, at the depot, his sleeping quarters.

On March 10, 1927, Marshall Oldfather and Councilman Snoberger moved the old hitchracks off of Jefferson Street (now State Road No. 15), and autos were requested to park on Jefferson Street so that those driving horses, could still park on Main Street.

Local people and business firms advertising, at different times, during the 1920's, are listed as follows. Please note that a few of these places changed ownership or managership during these years:

Ramsey & Summe— groceries (later, A. R. Ramsey grocery).
R. P. Scott— Farm Bureau Produce station.
F & F Hardware— (later, Love & Provines).
E. T. Baber— furniture and undertaking (later, E. E. Summe).
Clyde Budd— automobile repair shop.
Dixie Service Station— Harry Hawthorne, prop.
Silver Lake Lumber Company.
Arthur Getty Dairy.
Silver Lake Elevator— J. E. Gall, mgr. (later, J. C. Grubb, owner).
The Dixie Restaurant.
L. O. Henry— service station.
Cloverleaf Creameries— Grant Harris, manager (later, Madge Bouse, manager).
David Colbert— tinner.
City Barber Shop.
Rexall Drug Store— H. P. Rager, manager.
John Ayers Meat Market.
Fred McKown— Ford Dealer (later, Kerlin Motor Company).
Haney Brothers Barber Shop.
Harmon Drudge Dray Line.
Silver Lake Egg Farm and Hatchery.
Commercial State Bank.
Independent Oil Co.— Clyde Sells, mgr.
Lone Pine Poultry Farm— Ted Braude.
Dr. J. C. Hay— dental surgery.
Dr. Ira Leckrone— physician.
Summe Brothers.
Ding's Barber Shop.
L. H. Heminger— Kosciusko Produce Association.
Gresso's
G. W. Newhouse— moving buildings.
Chas. Monroe Grocery.

Picture taken in 1904, on July 4th. Crowd awaiting for some person to climb a greased pole.

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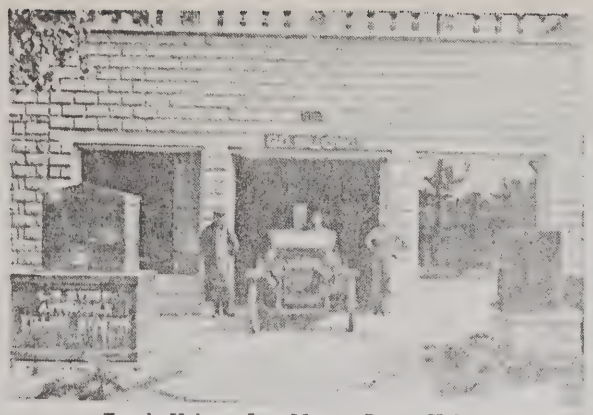

Frank Helser, Lee Myers, Percy Helser

It was during the first half of the 1930's that our state roads, going through town, were blacktopped. The movement for better roads was first started in 1913, when a petition was circulated for the first gravel road through town, to go in each direction to the township line. As autos became more numerous and roads became dustier, yearly applications of oil were made until hardsurfacing began. The road going north and south was known, for many years, as the Hoosier Dixie highway. In 1921, it was changed to State Road No. 27, then in 1926, to State Road No. 15. The contract to pave it from Warsaw to Road No. 114, was let to Bontrager Construction Company of Elkhart, in 1932, for the sum of $182,-486. Silver Lake is most fortunate to have the intersection of these two state highways considered as the center of our business district.

In 1933, the large onion storage at the Big Four railroad tracks, belonging to W. R. Wedrick, was destroyed by fire. It consumed eight and one half cars of onions, two trucks, 24,000 onion crates, sacks and twine. The storage was never rebuilt.

Of great interest to many people, was a sale, advertised in 1935. The Old German Lutheran Church, located west and north of Center Church, was to be sold at public auction. German town derived its name from the German families who first settled in that locality (northwest corner of Hill lake), many of whom came directly from Germany. Among these families, were the names of Bouse, Clink, Summe, Ring, and many others. The land for the church and cemetery, was donated to the trustees by John Bouse, and comes from the same farm on which Ed Clink now lives. The church was built about 1860. The last service was held in about 1915, with Rev. Fryburger, a Lutheran minister from Warsaw, in charge. The money from the sale will be put into a fund to maintain the cemetery.

It might be noted here, that Ed Clink, above mentioned and well known in our town, was instrumental in founding the well known and much publicized Twins Organization, which had its beginning in a county meeting he started in 1932. Mr. Clink passed away a couple of years ago. He was a twin brother of Mrs. Irvin Parker, also deceased.

One of Silver Lake's few remaining landmarks, and a relic of the gay nineties and the turn of the century, was torn down in April 1940. This was the old livery barn on the Harmon Drudge property (now vacant part of lot north of Methodist parsonage). An exact history of the old barn was not available, as the building was erected at two different times. Old timers say that Preston Brown first started the livery barn in that location, going into business as sort of a side line for his draying. The business grew and he enlarged it, by buying more horses and rigs, and was then compelled to build on to the original part. It was made of heavy timbers and was still in very good condition. This was during the time of Silver Lake's hey-day. Traveling men made our town their headquarters then, and sometimes put up in local hotels for a week or more. Crowds came here on Sunday, by rail, and were taken to nearby lakes, in carriages and buses. Following Preston Brown, Eli Getty operated the livery barn for a number of years, then son Arthur took over. The last operators were Monroe Wedrick and son Bill. In latter years, it was used as a storage.

Advertisers noted in the January 12, 1945 issue of the Silver Lake Record, were:

Mays Standard Service Station.
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Miller and Sons— lumber.
Ragers Drug Store.
Silver Lake Elevator— J. C. Grubb.
L. O. Henry— gas station.
Janice Beauty Shop.
E. E. Summe— funeral director.
Harry Bouse Barber Shop.
Haney Barber Shop.
Dr. J. C. Hay— dentist.
Kerlin Motor Company.
R. H. Ferverda— insurance.
Silver Lake Garage— Cal Paquette.
Warner Oil Company.
Sells Marathon Station.
Jesse Lynch— auctioneer.
Bickel's Grocery.
Lee Moyer— dairy products.
Kerlins Department Store
W. R. Wedrick Farms— seed potatoes.
Mac Summe— magazine agency.
Mildred Marie Beauty Shop.
A. R. Ramsey— groceries.
Enos Cream Station.

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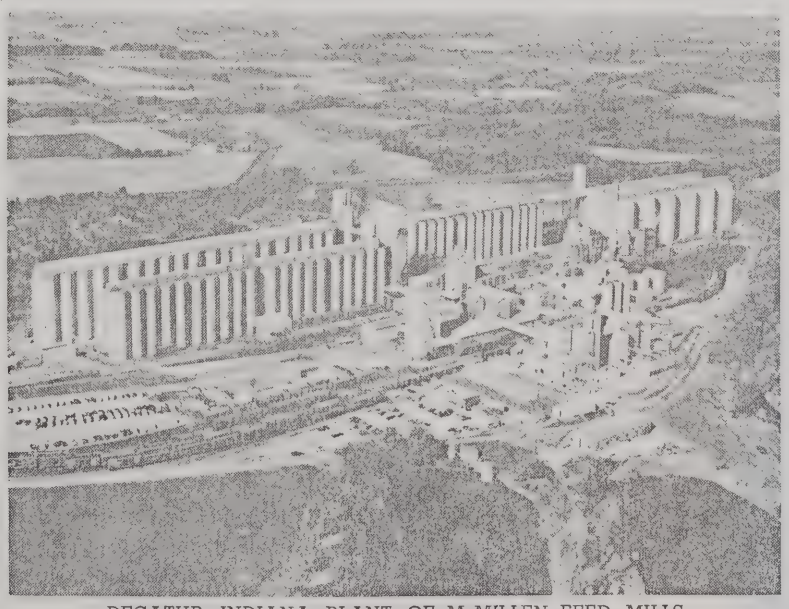

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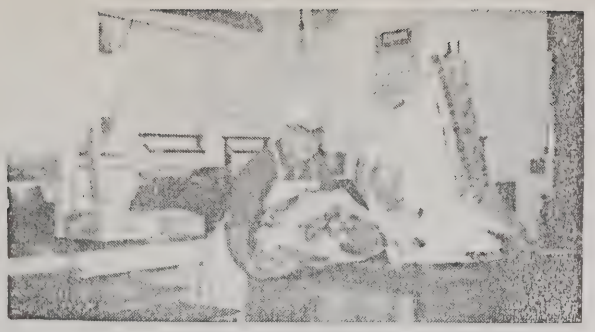

Roy Bouse - Locker Plant.

Lela Martin Cafe.
Dr. E. A. Franks— dentist.
Mrs. Dora Lewis— Courtland Park.
E. G. Summe— hardware.
Maurie's Restaurant.
General Poultry— (Roy Bouse).
Deverl Alexander— welding.

In August, 1945, an orderly crowd, estimated at between 2,500 and 3,000 people, gathered at the school grounds, to participate in the celebration over the closing of three and one half years of war, World War Two, the war to end all wars. The Rev. Harley Carbaugh served as chairman of the evening program.

Following the readjustment period of the war, several new business places opened in Silver Lake.

On February 18, 1946, Delbert Kerlin, Maurice Reed, and Roy Bouse organized to form the Silver Lake Locker Corporation, and began to make plans to build and operate a frozen food locker plant and slaughter house on Lot No. 1 of the Bouse Addition to Silver Lake. They built a cement block building, 40 feet by 140 feet, during the summer of 1946, and opened for business January 26, 1947, with Maurice Reed and Roy Bouse as acting members and co-managers. Since this time, they have killed and processed, for use, from 300 to 350 head of cattle, and from 500 to 600 head of hogs per year, and as high as 25 hogs and 15 beeves per week. The past year, some changes have been made in the front of the building, and a complete stock of groceries is carried.

Also, in 1946, the Kerlin Motor Company building, on south Jefferson Street (State Road No. 15), was erected by Russel Kerlin. Dean Kerlin was put in charge of the business, and the building on east Main was changed to the Kerlin Tractor Sales, in charge of Russel and Kenneth Kerlin. In 1952, Ted Kerlin became associated with the Tractor Sales, and Ed Kerlin with the Motor Company.

In 1950, another new addition was added to the growing community, when J. C. Grubb platted six lots at the west part of town, on State Road No. 14. Several lovely new homes have been built in this addition, to date.

Silver Lake can boast of one of the largest independent trucking companies in this area, known as the Metzger and Son Trucking Company. When a young lad, Ernest Metzger, bought a Model T truck for $3.00 and started in business, by hauling feed to the mill for neighbors for fifty cents per trip. A few years later, he purcased a 1928 Chevrolet truck for $12.00 and became seriously interested in the trucking business as his vocation. In 1945, he purchased his first Semi, and used Clyde Sells station as temporary headquarters. By 1950, he had four Semi trucks and started business at the south edge of town on the site of the present Hilltop garage. In 1955, he purchased the former Wedrick packing plant building at the west elge of town, and today, has thirty semi trucks which haul grain, stock, and produce to all parts of the United States and Canada.

About 1947, a large frame building was erected on the north side of Main Street, west of the Miller & Sons Lumber Company, by Asa Hines. He conducted an implement sales business until a few years ago. Today, the building is occupied by Lamion Parker and Karl Parker, in the manufacture of automatic metal stock feeders and bulk bins. Their outlets are in the eastern states and all states adjoining Indiana.

Our Silver Lake Fire Department had its beginning in 1900, when the Howe Fire Engine Company of Indianapolis, delivered an engine. An exhibition and test of the apparatus was given on the public square. The suction hose was lowered into the well at Fitton's corner, and a stream of water was thrown upon the roof of the Odd Fellow's building. Water was supplied from cisterns, and the engine was placed in the building next door north of Rager's Grocery. Bert Coxley was the fire chief, and Francis Rager was made captain of the fire department.

In 1910, a chemical engine was purchased, and in 1922, additional equipment, amounting to $2400, was added to the department. In 1932, seven hundred fifty feet of two and one-half inch fire hose was added, and fours years later, the rural fire truck was purchased. The Model T truck was replaced in 1940, and in 1955, the fire department purchased a portable light plant. A new portable pump was purchased in May of this year. Present personnel are: Fire Chief, Howard Swihart; Assist-

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Maurie Reed - Locker Plant

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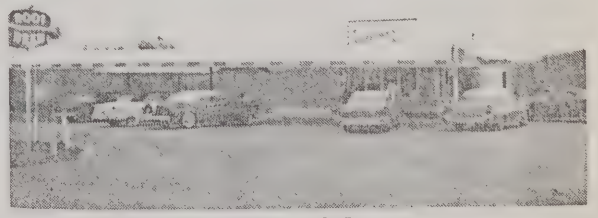
ant Chief, Wayne Haney; Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Zimmer; Firemen: A. R. Ramsey, Bill Pegg, Walter Meinert, Harold Roberts, Truman Enyeart, Cole Thompson, John Teeter, Robert Lehmer, Walter Jontz, Austin Neher, Duane Sells, and Ted Kerlin.

Our business directory, in this centennial year, 1959, in addition to the above mentioned, also includes the following, some being individual, some partnerships or corporations, all being a part of the structure and basic foundation of our town and community:

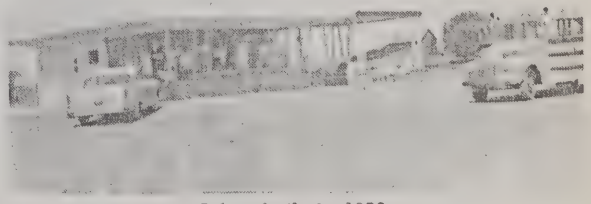
Marathon Service Station— John Yoder.
L. O. Henry Service Station— L. O. Henry.
Standard Service— Gillespie and Teeter.
Sells Oil Company— Clyde and Duane Sells.
Hilltop Service & Body Shop— D. Fingerle.
Cities Service Products— Lowell Zile.
Silver Lake Oil Company— Walter Jontz.
Leonard Supply Company— school supplies.
Summe Hardware.
Pegg's Drug Store.
Haney Barber Shop (Frank).
Frank Ryan Barber Shop.
Bickel's Grocery.
Gene Arnold Grocery.
A. R. Ramsey Grocery.
Kerlin Department Store.
Dick's Bar and Restaurant— Dick Underhill.
Leo Flora Restaurant.
Lakeview Package Liquor— Herbert Ewing.
Whidden's Antique and Bait Shop.
Clyde O'Hara— furnaces and heating supplies.
Alexander Welding Shop— Deverl Alexander.
Commercial State Bank.
Eileen's Beauty Shop— Eileen Leckrone.
Janice's Beauty Shop— Janice Teeter.
Haney Tourist Home— Mrs. Chloe Vincent.
Enos Rooming House— Mrs. John Enos.
Miller & Sons Lumber Company.
Silver Lake Elevator.
Postoffice Building— Paul Sittler, postmaster.
Worden Smith— floor sanding.
LeRoy Scherer— television sales and service.
Mac Summe Magazine Agency.
Walter Harris— plumbing.
Grant Harris— carpenter.
M. Reed— camping trailers and equipment.
Root Beer Drive-In— Stanley and Jontz.
Igloo Drive-In— F. Heckaman and C. Ring, North State Road No. 15.
Silver Star Restaurant— Larry Walsh, North State Road No.15.
Steer Inn and Claypool Sales— North State Road No. 15
Harvestore Silo Sales and Service Station— North State Road No. 15.
Ivan Deaton— gravel and crane work.
Harold Swihart & Son— trucking.
Earl Zile— trucking.
Robert Fingerle— marl, peat moss, and crane work.
Ernest Mumford— plumbing.
Summe Dickerson Funeral Home.
Insurance Agents— R. H. Ferverda, Devon Shipley, Maurice Walther.
Town Board members— Howard Swihart, William Gillespie, Maurice Reed, Truman Enyeart, clerk.
Town Marshall— Lee Moyer.
Justice of Peace— Harry Bouse.
Township Trustee— Alton Kissinger.
Advisory Board— William Kneller, Russel Kerlin, Worby Clinker.
Dr. J. C. Hay— dentist.
Dr. E. A. Franks— dentist.
Dr. P. H. Pierson— physician.
Fire Department.

1897 to 1947

The issues of the Silver Lake Record, which was published weekly from 1897 to 1947, have been preserved through the efforts of a local civic minded man, who realized their great importance to past history. We are indebted to these publishers, Brush & Hanson, then Mr. Chester Hanson, and after his death, Mr. Charles R. Lamoree, for much of the history. Of interest to you, may be some personal notes and everyday occurences in the community, appearing in the following chronological record.



Stanley and Jontz.



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1897— Wanted: 500 rabbits per week at J. Wertenberger's meat market. J. F. Clymer is employed by Deering Harvester Company, selling self-binders and mowers.

1898— Town nominations to be voted on at town election May 2, 1898: Democrats— Councilman, 1st ward, M. M. Rager. Councilman, 3rd ward, Newt Getty. Marshall, Elwood Kerlin. Treasurer, Dr. J. M. Amiss. Clerk, Mark Yotter. Republicans— Councilman, 1st ward, C. E. Rantz. Councilman, 3rd ward, J. W. Cook. Marshall, L. D. Underhill. Treasurer, W. J. Fitton. Clerk, W. W. Price.

Mary Ann (Keplinger) Homman (Mrs. Jacob) died April 26, 1898. The Silver Lake Town Board passed an ordinance compelling people to put down new walks or repair old ones. Ten new cement walks and four brick ones are being built and board ones repaired. Mrs. Sam Wells (Sarah Jane Myers) died October. She participated in the opening of the first school house in Silver Lake. She was laid to rest in the beautiful Lake View cemetery on the banks of Silver Lake.

1899— The Victoria Reading Club will entertain the Akron Ladies Club July 17th, at the home of Mrs. Sarah McClure. A camp meeting will be held in Getty's grove, south of town, for one week. Colored Jubilee Singers will furnish music. S. B. Burdge has received another shipment of fine organs. The Bell Telephone line has poles up into Silver Lake, and the octopus will soon begin its work. Landlord Cook has twenty of the men as boarders at his place. Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Rager gave a birthday party for their son Harley. Those present were Misses Mabel Barber, Dessie Oldfather, Anna Jaques, Mary Stout, Hazel Oldfather, Ruth Babcock, Bertha Weirick, Floyd Zimmerman, Lert Lukens, Frank Arnold, and Willie Kemper. October— Persons who have promised to bring us wood on subscription, will do well to haul it in before the roads break up. A load right now would come in very handy. Your publisher. Eph Wells attended the meeting of the National Horse Thief Detective Association at Crawfordsville. Mr. Ezra Funk and Cloa Carr spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Metheny. Alvin Bowen placed three new gasoline lamps in his barber shop, which light it to perfection.

April 27, 1899— Silver Lake markets: Eggs 10c, butter 12c, lard 5½c, chickens 5½c, ducks 4½c, turkeys 7c, wheat 63c, oats 21c, corn 25c, cloverseed $3.25, hogs $3.65.

Town trustees— M. M. Rager 1st ward, J. C. Hay 2nd ward, Newton Getty 3rd ward, J. M. Amiss treasurer, M. D. Yotter clerk, Elwood Kerlin marshall.

May— Isaac Brown moved his store into the vacant Yount room, first door east of Jacob Ragers. John Fitton is caring for a brood of 57 Plymouth Rock chicks just hatched from an incubator. Andy Homman has one setting and is busy, these days, counting his chickens before they are hatched. Ladies, you have a large stock to select from at Mrs. Myers Millinery store. Buy your buggies of Stout and Leonard. They handle nothing but the best. Adam Stout has traded his farm west of town, to John Bilger, for his hardware store.

June— The pupils of District No. 7, pleasantly surprised their teacher, W. H. Kern, at his home, two miles north of Silver Lake. The evening was spent in pleasant conversation and music. Mr. Kern is one of the best country school teachers in the county. Ed Braude went to Chicago, to buy a stock of goods for his general store, which will open in the Jontz, Dulaney & Co. room on Jefferson Street.

1900— Beyer Bros. were compelled to make two trips to Silver Lake this week, after poultry, using four-horse teams each day. About 25 coops of chickens and turkeys were gathered up.

Notice to Hunters— Hunt all you wish on my farm, and come to dinner when the bell rings. Signed, Norman Tucker.

1901— Roy E. Hanes and Harvey Homman had a breakdown with their old sleigh, while coming home from school. It was a bad misfortune for the boys, as their old sleigh was very valuable. Miss Ina Stout secures a state license to teach school. Brings attractiveness to listless unlovable girls, making them handsome, marriageable women. That's what Rocky Mountain tea will do. 35c. Chas. Rager Drug Store.

1902— Harry Haney was elected drum major and mascot for the Silver Lake Cornet Band. Mrs. Emma Martindale, assisted by Mrs. Dickey, officiated at the funeral services of Alice Rhodes Swihart, June 26th.

1903— August 28, Dr. J. C. Hay was the victim of a vicious attack from a catfish, while in camp at Yellow Creek lake, several days ago. A badly swollen hand, that required the aid of a doctor's lance, gives evidence of the conflict.

1904— June 10, Dave W. Perrine and his old time one-ring show, will exhibit at Silver Lake. Features include Professor Perrine and his troupe of educated dogs and ponies, the LaDells on the flying trapeze, Prof. Deal, king of the slack wire, last, but not least, the famous Cheese Brothers, Switzer and Limberger —with something to make you all laugh. Nothing small but the price, 10c to all.

1905— At the Cash Store-Gresso Bechtelheimer & Co.: yard wide muslin 5c per yard, best calico 4c and 4½c per yard, sugar—gran. or soft white—6c per pound. Hayman Bros. Hardware—headquarters for Deering Binders and mowers. Ernest Haney still has some race horses and will make the circuit during the summer and fall season. Stave factory closed down—scarcity of timber the cause. Ira Burk equiping his mill with new planer.

1905— Aug. 3, The proposed tax levy is $1.18. J. L. Arthur purchased poolroom property of J. C. Babcock. Bumble bee sting fatal to Enogh Rhodes— died in thirty minutes. W. F. Helser has sold many gasoline engines; he cannot get them fast enough to supply the demand. Sept. 28, McClure & Getty dissolve partnership in stock business. McClure will continue to buy and ship stock. Getty purchased local meat market. Nov. 16, Postoffice at Rose Hill will be abandoned and patrons will receive mail by rural route. Dec., Mrs. Lotta Brenneman has opened a general store. Alspaugh & Son succeed Leonard & Alspaugh in hardware firm. C. L. Leonard to re-

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tire. Elias McClure, nearly 93 years of age, passed away at the Jacques home.

1906— March 1, Hiram Rager & Son sell grocery to J. S. Marsh and Arthur Hively. Sept. 20— Town Board of Trustees adopted resolutions at meeting whereby streets will be lighted by electricity.

1907—Jan. The ice harvest has begun. N. M. Getty, and Cline and Co. put in a force of men and teams at work on a fine quality of six inch ice. Feb.— Alspaugh & Son exchanged their stock of hardware for Texas land. Feb. 14— Our electric light plant will be compelled to suspend operations because of nonpatronage by some, and a waste of current by many consumers. S. B. Flora. March— The City Barber Shop, owned by Harry Bouse and A. H. Bowen, have sold their interest to Walter Homman.

J. D. Gill, auctioneer, during this season, has held 72 sales. The largest amounted to over $10,000. During the season, he sold over 600 horses, 1100 cattle, and 1900 hogs. You will get twenty ounces of home baked bread at Pearson's, for 5c. Real estate, farm loans, fire and accident insurance, see J. A. Teeter. Misses Madge Zimmerman and Tressie Helser spent the weekend in Mishawaka. Nov. 7— on account of the main driving belt for the dynamo, at the light plant, giving out Wednesday morning, were without lights last night. A new belt is expected to arrive today, but it cannot be made ready for use in time to supply lights tonight.

1908— M. McGlennen discontinued feed grinding business and will install restaurant and bakery in the buildings. Our town council has decided to dispense with the old wooden town building and erect a neat and substantial city building, in which can be housed the fire engine and apparatus, and where the officials can hold council and transact business. It will be constructed with cement blocks and will be handsome and substantial. Members of board are being sharply criticized by many of our business men and citizens, they feel that such action is premature and unwise. Colored people arrive to begin a ten day camp meeting in Myrtle Glen Park.

1909— The Misses Mabelle and Hazel Jontz, Ethel Skinner, Josephine Carpenter, and Opal Kerlin are enjoying an outing at Yellow Creek Lake. The merry crowd are occupying the Dew Drop Inn and are having a very enjoyable time. Mrs. Brush killed a rattlesnake Monday afternoon, which she found on the walk about ten feet from her back door of their home on North Jefferson Street.

1910— Mrs. Lizzie Whittenberger was surprised by friends, and given about eighteen dollars in groceries, in appreciation of her services as a telephone operator. Ayers Brothers open a new meat market— fresh and salted meats. Turkey dinner—25c Crown Hotel.

1911— Werners Photo Car will be in town a short time. 25 photos 25c. Trustee Frantz will offer District No. 3 school for sale. Braude and Ditzler open wholesale firm in butter, eggs, poultry. Mrs. John Haney and daughter Mabel, were shopping in North Manchester. Hugh Snyder and Miss Clara Frantz went to Winona, to attend summer school. C. A. and Pearson disposes of bakery and restaurant to Craig and Hildenbrand, and will devote his time to interest at Myrtle Glenn Park.

1912— Chester Deafenbaugh has moved the "Shoestring" telephone central from the rooms above the Fitton store, into his home in the northwest part of town. The Nelson-Jontz-Rittenhouse reunion was held in the Myrtle Glenn Park. Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Cary move to Crawfordsville. Mrs. J. W. Ferverda enterained the embroidery club at a farewell party for Mrs. Cary.

1913— John R. Norman, of Star City, becomes new owner of Cline Drug Store. The town board issued an order for the removal of the old band stand, so that cement gutters could be put in.

1914— Reid Murdock Co. erected a building near the railroad station, to be used as a pickle salting station. A pipe organ was installed in the Lutheran Church. Very few towns, in northern Indiana, had churches able to posses such an organ.

1915— A lumber company, very badly needed, was started in Silver Lake, called Farmers Lumber Company, and managed by Edward Rosengrants. Arthur Getty opened a livery barn and will furnish rigs to the public, at reasonable prices. He will also keep an automobile for rental use. John Ayers was appointed town marshall, filling vacancy left by J. J. Leonard.

1916— Haymen Bros. sold their hardware to Frye & Ferverda, and it will be known as the F & F Hardware. The F & F Hardware Co. unloaded an oil tractor, which they had sold to Quinter Hines, who resides north of town. This is the first tractor to be purchased by anyone right near town, but the time is not so far distant when every progressive farmer will own a tractor, for they are a mighty handy piece of machinery on a place. A resolution, passed by the county board of education, states that white cotton dresses (cost not to exceed $5.50) are to be worn by the girls graduating all over the county. The board took this stand because of the extravagance shown at this time.

1917— The E. Braude Creamery will soon be ready to operate. Material on hand for new building. Creamery robbed of eleven tubs of butter, estimated to be worth $300. Mr. Lamb disposed of his store, formerly owned by Mrs. Swihart, to E. J. Gemner, and gave immediate possession. The following received perfect spelling grades during last month: Second grade: Willodean Rager, Kenneth Shipherd, Marjorie McKrill, Richard Hommon, Dorothy Aker, Devon Christner, McClure Summe, Averill Kreis, Robert Norman; Sixth grade: Mary Bouse, Harry Herendeen, Lois Rager, Ruby Sells.

1918— Big blizzard, mercury at 22 to 27 below zero, traffic blocked three days, 90 mile an hour gale drifted snow from five to twenty feet deep.

1919— Ten charter members organized the Horse Thief Detective Association, with president, H. G. Groninger; secretary, C. B. Deaton; treasurer, T. C. McClure. Elva Jones disposed of dray line, to Albert Drudge. Local art students Donald Hill, Ernest

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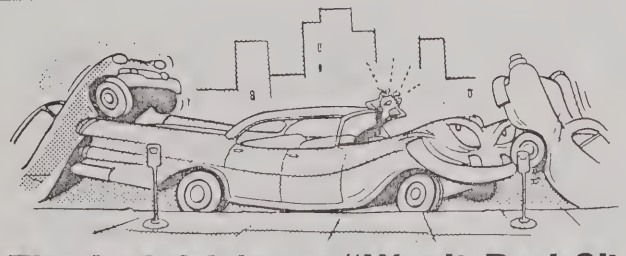

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Fruit, Hazel Deaton, and Dallas Wood, have a fine display in the Gresso store window. Frank Verrier has rented the A. J. Scott building just north of the Record office. He will have a peanut and popcorn stand, candy and cigars, and also daily and Sunday papers. S. B. Burdge disposed of his furniture and undertaking business, to E. T. Baber.

1920— Myron Murphy had a fine display of apples at the Warsaw fair.

1921— The local creamery was producing over one thousand pounds of butter per day. The Rapid Rim factory, at Huntington, will be sold at receiver's sale. Fred McKown and Dean Hill form a partnership, and will operate a Ford agency. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Franks take over as operators of the telephone office. Misses Iva McKrill and Ruth Leckrone have resigned their positions.

1922— The work on the Gresso road is progressing very nicely. Owing to the busy season for the farmers, there are not many teams assisting with the grading of the road west of town, but it is hoped, before many days, a large force will be on hand, and then work will move rapidly. Before many days, it is expected that work will be started on the streets, for it will take many weeks to do the grading, place the gutters and curbing and get the paving completed. Delbert Kerlin, Harry Haney, Pierre and Deveril Underhill, attended races at Indianapolis.

1923— The Interstate Public Service Company purchased the Electric Light and Power Utilities plant, owned by Ira Burk and Van Kissinger. Fred McKown purchased the Braude creamery and packing house buildings, and will make them into a storage for onions. School children made house to house canvas and sold Red Cross seals to fight Tuberculosis.

1924— L. O. Henry has installed a radio outfit in his auto repair shop, and quite a number have been listening to the concerts. F & F Hardware stock sold to Love & Provines, and stock moved to Akron. Pickle salting station, operated by Bennie Drudge, was discontinued. The dolls at the Rager Drug Store, were given to the following girls, on Christmas morning: Fernmae Young, Catherine Brown, Evelyn Jontz, Eldora Haney, Beth Carr, Mary Snyder, Mary Yotter, Elizabeth Bouse, Wanita Love, Pearl Walters, Anna Henry, Marguerite Bouse, Trude Waite, Irene Brown, and Catherine Herendeen.

1925— John F. Oldfather was employed as marshall of town. Three tornados does much damage in vicinity and many barns wrecked, among them, were those on the farms of Al Carr, Mary Little, James Gall, Ira Leckrone, and George Merkle. May 14— Work starts at drilling the well, to supply water for the water works system. Water found at 183 and one-fourth feet. New filling station, completely modern, erected at corner of Jefferson and Sycamore streets, where the monument works building was located. Silver Lake Gun Club acquired rifle range on Leroy Caldwell farm. John Norman disposed of the drug store, to Ross M. Lippincott. The Black Horse Troop of Culver Military Academy, spent the afternoon and night at Myrtle Glenn park. Luhr Alexander, Eugene Hill, and Huram Parker arrived home from North Dakota. Work at Town Hall completed. Water system, for town, practically completed. R. P. Scott opens a cream station in the Burt shop.

1926— George Newhouse purchased the house-moving equipment of N. M. Frantz. Isaac Holderman seriously hurt in his implement repair shop. Fred McKown opens first radio shop in town, having agency for Thorola. John Ayers installs iceless refrigerator in meat market. Russel Kerlin purchased the garage building from Fred McKown and will make improvements. He sold his first Model A Ford in February, 1928.

1927— First Boy Scout troop formed by Chesteen Chapple. Ira Kissinger disposes of barber shop, to Alvin Bowen.

1928— Howard McGlennen opens bakery. Ira Burk announces retirement from sawmill business, after fifty years.

1929— Ed M. Quay, of Laport, purchased Ira Burk sawmill.

1930— McGlennen Bakery starts delivery of SILVER LAKE BREAD to North Manchester, Liberty Mills, Claypool, South Whitley, and Burket.

1931— Howard Wolpert was appointed marshall, replacing J. Oldfather. Ray Hively purchased the tinshop equipment of David Colbert. Gresso's — Maxwellhouse coffee, 39c per pound; banas, 25c per four pounds; apricots, dried, 19c per pound; cheese, 19c per pound; pink salmon, 2 cans 25c; Campbells pork and beans, 3 cans 25c. Mrs. McCurtain opened restaurant and grocery in the building east of Summe hardware. S T Club and families, enjoyed a picnic at lake. Stewart Spitzer built a new filling station and barbecue stand, at north end of Jefferson Street..

1932— Grandma Myers, who is past 102 years of age, attended the 51st wedding anniversary of her son, E. L. Myers. An old landmark, stop sign, was removed by state highway men, from the center of the public square, where it had been for nine years. Howard McClennen sold his bakery to Arthur Getty, and it is now being operated by Ray and Wayne Getty.

1933— Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Franks retire from the telephone office. Their position will be taken by Mrs. S. F. McKrill and daughter, Marjorie.

1934— A. H. Bowen came into possession of the City Barber Shop, which has been operated by A. G. Hall, for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Devon Shipley take over telephone office. Gettys dispose of bakery, to Laura McGlennen and son, Merl.

1935— Rabbit Supper — Maurie's Restaurant — fried brown rabbit, mashed potatoes, hot biscuits, and tasty gravey. Silver Lake officials have been notified that the sidewalk construction project here, under the WPA administration, has been approved and work can start. The sum of $3629.50 has been allotted to Silver Lake. Wedrick Packing plant get-

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ting ready for packing vegetables. Eldon F. Rager buys equipment and business of Silver Lake Bakery. Seth Flenar, of Mentone, will do the baking, and Bud Wade will continue as helper to the baker.

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1936— A big blizzard hits Silver Lake community, causing high drifts. Roads impassable and schools closed. The extreme cold lasted for several weeks. The township took over the care of three cemeteries, Gospel Hill, Center, and the Hill cemetery. Mahala Snyder left a trust fund, in her will, to take care of the three. To come under township care, a cemetery must contain the bodies of soldiers and sailors. W. R. Wedrick Company, W. H. Kern, and Frantz and Loucks, harvested thousands of bushels of potatoes. Ira Snoberger left the sum of $150, in his will, to the Lakeview Cemetery Association, to be used in running water to the cemetry. The work will be done by WPA labor. Through the philanthropy of an anonymous donor, the Cemetry Association will erect a small chapel, 18 x 22 feet, between the old and new parts. John Enos was named marshall, taking the place of Clarence Hill.

1937— Maurie Reed purchased the east room of the Rager and Jontz block, from Mr. Lemler. Edward Bickel purchased the Chas. Monroe grocery. George McGlennen takes charge of bakery.

1938— C. I. Bashore and Win Warner form the Silver Lake Oil Company, installing a bulk oil plant near the railroad.

1941— Telephone system was changed to dial. Kerlin twins, Ed and Ted, arguing over which was to get the next suck off an ice cream cone. A big event in the lives of little men. Ed is now associated with the Kerlin Motor Company, and Ted with the Kerlin Tractor Sales.

1942— Through the sponsorship of the American Legion, about 450 old phonograph records were collected, to be reprocessed and made into new records with new tunes, for the entertainment of American boys in World War Two.

1943— Delbert Kerlin became owner of the store known as E. W. Gresso Company. It will be known as Kerlin's Department Store. Kerlin became manager of the store in 1919.

1945— Deverl Alexander purchased the business building known as the Harry Kline building, and will start a welding and machine shop. The Kline building, for years, was occupied by the Summe Hardware, but has been vacant for more than a year, since Miller and Sons moved. Applications for canning sugar, must be made at the county rationing board.

1946— August 6, Roy Bouse addition to Silver Lake, platted. Twelve hunters bagged seven foxes in one day. They were Cole Thompson, Clarence Wray, Cecil Metzger, Don Bouse, Austin Neher, L. B. Sellers, Luhr Alexander, Clarence Moore, Stuart Lindzy, Charles Moore, Joe Bouse, and Walter Meinert. This was on February 7.

1947— Maurie's Restaurant under new ownership and management, with Dick Underhill assuming full control. Ration stamp No. 12 will become good for ten pounds of sugar on June 1, a month ahead of the original schedule. It will have to last until October 31, however, the agriculture department says. A large quantity of Cuban sugar coming into this country, now is responsible for the new schedule. Vernal Cole becomes manager of General Poultry Company.

The Silver Lake Record changed ownership during 1947. The issues published by Mr. Kinkead, were not available. He was in business only a short time. Since then, Silver Lake has been without a printing office.

NOTE: Strange as it may seem, a very important and vital occupation, of this farming community, never seemed to make any headlines in the papers. This was the operation of the threshing machines, for many years. Local men who owned their own threshing machines, were Arthur Smith and son Worden, and Levi Holderman. They threshed thousands of bushels of grain, and their services contributed much to the welfare of the community, during their years of operation.

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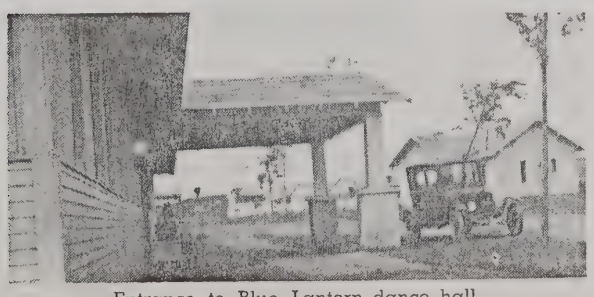
The popular vacation resort at Silver Lake, has been and will be, for years to come, of inestimable value to the town and surrounding community. In the late 1800s, people began coming, by rail, from cities like Wabash, Huntington, Anderson, and Marion and other southern towns, to spend a while at the hotels here, and relax at the lake. About 1907, a deal was made toward the establishment of a permanant resort area. Jacob Rager and C. A. Pearson bought land adjoining the lake on the east side. A few cottages were erected, and a gasoline launch was purchased at Syracuse, to give vacationers a ride around the lake. It was known as the "Beatrice," and afforded pleasure to hundreds of people, for many years. Old timers say that when it finally became unfit for use, it was taken out in the lake and sunk to the bottom.

The name for the park, Myrtle Glenn, was chosen because Myrtle was the name of Mr. Pearson's wife, and Glenn was the name of Mr. Francis Rager's wife. The beautiful wooded hill, overlooking the lake, afforded an ideal spot for many picnickers, many reunions, social gatherings, and 4th of July celebrations. A large hall was erected on top of the hill, which was a most popular dance hall in the 1920s. Many will recall the hours spent dancing to the music of Conwell's Troubadours and the Admirals of Rythm.

In 1921, Ira Coy surveyed off twenty-five lots south of the park, and called it Coy Flats.

In 1922, Ed Braude started Courtland Park, by platting off about one hundred lots on his farm, which ran to the edge of the lake at the northeast side. He erected a large dance hall, 60' x 100', and named it the Blue Lantern. The well known orchestra, Conn Sanders and his Night Hawks, was engaged for dancing. In July, 1931, a cyclone tore the roof from the hall. It was not repaired, but instead, the building was demolished and the good lumber used to erect several cottages. Today, there are many cottages and permanent homes in these additions. A store is operated in the summer months, at Courtland, by Mrs. Dora Lewis, and Art Devers has the resort area of Myrtle Glenn. The old dance hall has been converted to a roller skating floor, and occastionally used for square dancing and also the "rock and roll" style of this generation.

A new addition of seventeen lots was layed out between state road No. 15 and Myrtle Glenn park, on the north side of the drive, in December, 1947. A number of homes have been erected in this addition.



Entrance to Blue Lantern dance hall.

Putting up ice at lake, ice house in foreground.

In 1956, two additions were added to the south side of the lake. Don Bouse's addition was platted by Donald and Mabel Bouse, and Eldora Heights was platted by Austin I. Neher and Eldora Neher. A number of permanent and summer homes have also been built in these additions. School bus transportation, rural mail service, and good roads, serve all residents.

There must always be a fish story of some sort, about every lake, and Silver Lake can boast of one too. From the Indianapolis Times, August 20, 1956, this story is repeated: Silver Lake— A "monster of the deep" that fought a 15 hour battle with at least eight fishermen, has this tiny community spinning fish tales, the likes of which you never heard before. The battle started shortly after nine a. m. Sunday, and ended after 11 p. m. Before it was over, hundreds lined the shore to watch a boat, containing two fishermen, pulled from the west side to the north side, then to the south edge and back again, to the western section. At one time, nearly fifty boats centered around the battle. As word of the battle spread, cars choked the road to this 200 acre lake, and the Kosciusko County Sheriff's office was called to handle traffic. In the evening, the Silver Lake Volunteer Fire Department arrived on the scene, to play big search lights on the fishermen, still locked in battle with the elusive fish. Dick Higgins, state conservation officer, called upon Bill Davis and Ned Gerard, fellow employees, to keep boats away from the running battle. At first, it was thought to be a big turtle, but when it never surfaced, decided it was a fsih, probably a large catfish or a big blue catfish. It was hooked by Harry Han, of Somerset. He battled it for several hours, but had to leave because his son was sick. He returned in the evening to battle again, before the fish finally broke away, along the shore in front of the Ernest Metzger summer home. "We tried to get the fish into shallow water and capture it by nets, but we never were able to get it close enough to shore to use our nets," Higgins stated. When Mr. Han had to leave, seven other fishermen tried their hand to land it, but were unsuccessful. Other fishermen, who took part in trying to land the fish, included Jim Flinn, Art Dever, and George Musser, all of Silver Lake, William Mollenhour, business manager of the Warsaw Times, and Earl Denny, of Wabash. It was reported that the Original Jonah Club, sports organization for fishermen, has offered a $100 reward to the nimrod who lands the fish. (To date, no one has received the reward).

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The METHODIST CHURCH

The first religious services were held in William Leffel's cabin, two miles east and one mile south of Silver Lake, in 1842, by a Methodist missionary. The Methodist Church was organized about 1864, in Silver Lake, with Thomas Ball, wife and daughter (Mrs. Martha Herendeen), Isaac Whittenberger and wife, Robert R. Leas and other, forming the first class. Services were held in the United Brethren Church, until the completion and dedication of the Lutheran Church, where the congregation worshiped, until the brick Methodist Church was completed in 1879.

The Methodists started the first Sunday School in Silver Lake, while they were worshipping in the Lutheran Church. Al Bowen attended the first service. Mrs. Minnie Elder attended the Sunday School, and remembers the church being built. She said that it was nearly always filled. Frank Jacques was the Sunday School Superintendent, and Florence Jacques was the organist.

In the eighties, a storm took off part of the church roof. Mrs. Jacob Zimmerman, a member of the Lutheran Church, recalls that incident, and that her husband helped repair the damage.

The floor plan of the sanctuary, has always had a single aisle. The chancel extended to the west side of the building, but not to the east side. On the east wall, there were three or four short seats in front, called the "Amen-corner." Mrs. John Ayers, a senior member of the church, commented, "They really got noisy in their enthusiasm over religion, and they lived it too!" There were two stoves in the building. One on each side about half way back.

The presiding elder's report, in 1915, mention a plan for a new church. The people intended to build it in 1918, and invest about $8,000. This was dropped, but enough dirt was dug out of the basement, to accommodate a furnace.

The front porch was put up while Frank Young was pastor, between 1923-25.

Because of the need for class rooms and social hall, the Ladies Aid undertook the building of an annex at the rear of the church. They financed it by sales and money drives. Sidewalks were put around the church. Harry Bouse put in the cabinets and the sink in the kitchen.

In 1947, an oil furnace was installed. The communion rail was removed and the chancel was divided. The pulpit was moved to one side. When the annex was added, a strip was cut off the west end of

the Chancel, and a door was put in at the northwest corner of the sanctuary. The chancel was extended to the east wall. The "Amen-corner" is now the seating section for the choir. In 1949, Chimes and a public address system was installed. In 1953, the walls of the sanctuary were painted, and all the woodwork re-finished. Many memory gifts have contributed to the church. An electric organ was added in 1955. In 1956-57, the sanctuary furniture was replaced.

The first parsonage was located directly west of the Sells Oil Station. A brick two-story parsonage was built a block east of the church, in 1907. In 1952, an eight-room frame dwelling of Mrs. Louelta McClure was purchased, two blocks west of the church.

Records of early revivals cannot be found. People remember, while E. E. Wright was pastor, a meeting when seventy were converted. In 1911, Dr. B. S. Hollopeter, District Superintendent, reported "Silver Lake has been blessed with a great revival, great numbers have been converted, and many families have been added to the church."

The Silver Lake Church has been a Circuit Center, and during its history, connected by pastorates with ten other communities. Since 1923, except for two years, it has been connected with the South Pleasant and Disko Methodist Churches. The records show pastors as they came to Silver Lake: A. G. McCarter, 1872; J. B. Alleman, 1874; A. C. Patee, 1876; R. J. Smith, 1877; I. J. Smith, 1879; N. E. Tinkham, 1881; J. A. Tevis, 1882; T. D. Tharp, 1883; D. Kivet, 1884; C. H. Beechwood, 1885; A. H. McKee, 1886; I. W. Singer, 1888; J. M. Rush, 1891; S. Belheimer, 1892; U. S. A. Bridge, 1894; Charles Fribley, 1895; W. T. A. White,1896; S. J. Mellinger, 1897; D. S. Jones, 1899; J. W. Tillman, 1901; A. E. Sarah, 1904; E. E. Wright, 1906; A. D. Buck, 1910; H. W. Park, 1912; J. B. Cook, 1915; W. B. Hardy, 1915; Arlington Singer, 1916; J. F. Blocker, 1918; C. E. Smith, 1919; W. M. Smith, 1920; J. L. Sturgell, 1921; Frank S. Young, 1923; E. H. Kennedy, 1926; L. B. Sharp, 1935; H. W. Park, 1938; Ed Bruerd, 1940; Harley Carbaugh, 1943; A. G. Neal, 1945; Wayne Mitchell, 1948; Prof. Clarence Huffman, 1950; Clyde Trumbauer, 1951; Wesley M. Bullis, 1954; D. M. Sesler, 1957; and C. W. Fields, 1958.

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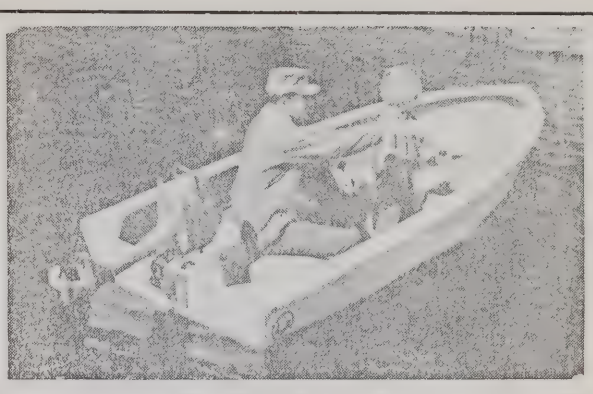

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CONSERVATION CLUB

In January, 1934, a group of approximately seventy local men met at the Silver Lake schoolhouse and organized The Silver Lake Conservation Club. They selected officers as follows: president, E. E. Summe; vice president, L. O. Henry; secretary-treasurer, Grant Harris; and county representative, Dr. J. C. Hay. Annual dues were set at 25c per member.

Each year, usually in February, a fish fry was held, as a means of raising a few dollars to support the club, attract new members, and collect dues. These events brought members from such distant towns as South Bend, Marion, Wabash, and Huntington.

As another conservation project, members joined in raising pheasants, to be released in the fall, to stock waste lands and contribute to the hunting sport. They also raised blue gill minnows, to restock local lakes.

The club had one minnow pond near Silver Lake, and also leased ponds from Father Scholl, of Wabash. These ponds were located about six miles southwest of Silver Lake, near the Paul Floor residence. These projects proved to be not only a worth while endeavor in improving the fishing and hunting in the vicinity, but also a financial aid to the club, as at that time, the State Conservation Department paid the clubs for this contribution.

In 1941, the club made a very sizable donation, in money and labor, to the well known McClure Lake Camp. This required many hours of labor, and many members spent several evenings and Sunday afternoons, that summer, working both at the camp and the fish ponds. Each year, the Silver Lake Club sponsors a local boy for a weeks' outing at this camp. In this year, dues were raised to 50c per member, and a few years later, increased to $1.00 per year.

In 1950, the club became interested in building a club house. In June of that year, with Charles (Bud) Rupe as president; Devon Shipley, vice president; and A. R. Ramsey, secretary-treasurer, a tract of land was purchased at the west edge of Silver Lake, from John C. and Florence Grubb, for the sum of $300. In 1952, the building was under construction. At this time, Morgan Smith was president; Truman

Enyeart, vice president; and Guy Clark, secretary-treasurer.

Several farmers donated trees from their woods, and the club paid for the sawing of the lumber. With cash donations, labor donations, proceeds from grain raised on fields rented from H. C. Pence, sweating through long hours after work and spare time on the part of members and friends of the club, and fish and chicken suppers, sponsored with the aid of the women members and wives of members, and gifts from many local organizations, all indebtedness, on the building, was paid off early in 1954. At this time, the officers of the club were Lee Moyer, president; Devon Shipley, vice president; and Austin (Pat) Neher, secretary- treasurer.

In order to keep up the building and grounds, it seemed necessary to increase the dues to $2.00 per year. This action was taken in January, 1954, and the dues remain at that amount at this time.

The building is used, today, by organizations of the community churches, clubs, businessmen, and families for reunions. A small rental fee is charged, to help defray expenses.

At this time, in year 1959, the officers are president, Lloyd (Bud) Moore; vice president, Ronald Richard; and secretary-treasurer, Emma Rupe.

Silver Lake E. U. B. Church

The Evangelical United Brethren was the first church built in Silver Lake. In 1855, the United Brethren Church in Christ was organized by W. P. Wells. On February 5, 1861, Jesse and Maria Stackhouse deeded two lots, where the church now stands, to William P. Wells, Samuel W. Wells, and Peter Kessler, who served as trustees. In 1861, a frame structure was built, and Samuel W. Wells served as the pastor for many years, and Ephriam Wells as the Sunday School Superintendent. The church grew in members and was incorporated into a circuit and served by a circuit riding minister, along with the Claypool, Center, and Packerton United Brethren Churches.

In 1913, under the leadership of Rev. Noah McCoy, the frame church was moved about 60 feet south, to the present location, and it was remodeled to accomodate the growing membership. A full basement was built and the building was veneered with pressed brick, new seats were put in the sanctuary,

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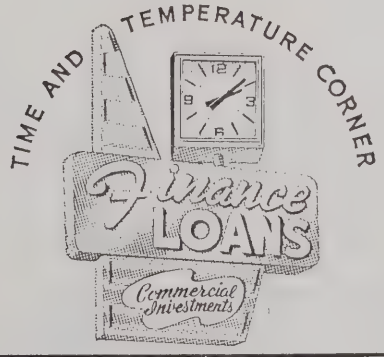

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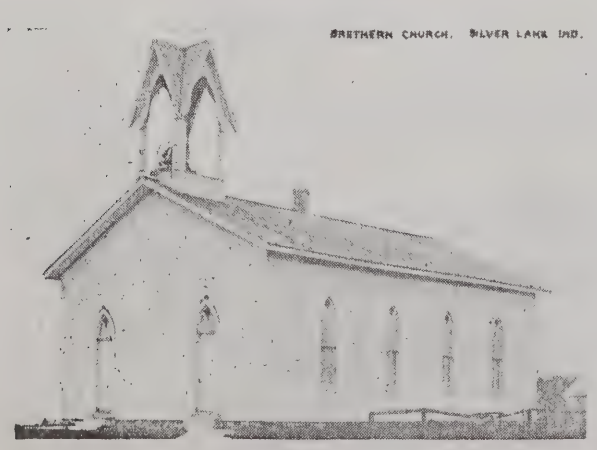
and it was redecorated and beautified. The trustees, at this time, were C. B. Deaton, Scott Lawrence, and J. P. Homman. In the 1920's, a new vestabul and entrance was added to the church, this being made possible by a contribution by Mrs. Mack Sholty, whose son is now a minister of the denomination.

In 1942, the Silver Lake church and the Center Church were made a two point circuit, and again was placed under the leadership of Rev. Noah McCoy. Two years later, a parsonage was purchased on North Jefferson Street, by the two churches, and the churches both took new life and growth, as the parsonage of the larger circuit had been in Claypool.

In 1951, the St. Joe Conference and Evangelical Conference were united in one, and the name of the church was changed from the United Brethren in Christ, to the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

In 1953, the church again was in need of a general remodeling, to accomodate its membership, so several classrooms were built and the sanctuary modernized and new furniture and redecorating done, under the leadership of Rev. W. E. Workman. It was dedicated in February, 1954. H. P. Rager, Earnest Mumford, and Bill Summe were the trustees.



In 1958, the need for an Educational Unit was felt, and under the leadership of Rev. C. L. Haney, this project was started and is nearing completion. It is a 28' x 56' addition on the north end of the present structure, and will be veneered with Indiana Limestone. It consists of four classrooms and minister's study on the first floor, and three classrooms and children's sanctuary in the basement. Bill Summe, John Teeter, and William Kneller are the trustees for this project, and the dedication will be in the summer of 1959, after the Centennial.

Silver Lake Elevator

In 1880, Mr. Oldfather erected the brick Grain Elevator at Silver Lake, which is located on the west side of the railroad tracks, which was known then as the Chicago, Wabash and Michigan Railroad.

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In 1920, the Farmers organized and purchased the elevator, also a plot of ground from Ira Burk, and planned to build another building, using the old one for storage for grain. This new building never materialized, so in 1923, the corporation was closed.

October 11, 1923, Elmer Gall, of Nappanee, purchased the elevator from the Farmers, and operated it for one year. He sold it, then, to J. C. Grubb, from Ohio, who took possession January 1, 1925.

In 1944, the son, Dwight Grubb, became a partner in the business. After Mr. Grubb purchased it, several improvement were made, which were badly needed. An addition, built on the west side, was used for an office. A seed room and storage, also enclosed the drive way. Later, more room was added on the north, for feed and storage.

The above pictures shows it as it looked in 1925, and at the present time, 1959. Since 1925, it has operated under the name of Silver Lake Elevator.

Dr. J. C. HAY

Dr. Hay was born on December 21, 1871, at his parents farm, three and one-half miles east of Silver Lake. The parents were Martin Hay and Catherine (Frantz) Hay. They were members of the Old Order Baptist Church, and were regular attendants at its services, accompanied by the son, and sister Anna.

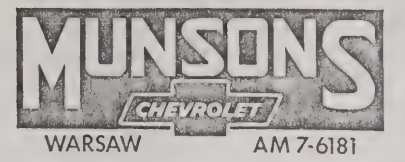
The children attended the Vance school, one and one-half miles south, and walked through mud and snow, carrying their lunch bucket. The doctor says "We all deserved the education which came our way, enduring all the hardships connected with it." The doctors' mother told of an incident, which happened soon after he started to school. She had occasion to open the large wood-box, to replenish her stove, and there was her boy, hiding. No school for him on that day. But, as he grew older, a teacher appeared, who imparted to him, a new quest for learning, and this remained with him through all the succeeding years.

In early manhood, he attended Manchester College for two years, preparing to teach. He wrote for a teachers' license, at Warsaw, and was very pleased to receive that all important document. He taught north of Silver Lake, in Lake Township, for two years. He had been thinking, seriously, of taking Dentistry. So, without further hesitancy, enrolled at North Western University, in the fall of 1893. At that time, the state permitted students to practice during the summer vacation, after they had completed the first year, so Dr. Hay began his practice in Silver Lake, in 1894.

Dr. Hay is a Past President of the Kosciusko County Dental Association, and is a member of the North Central, State, and American Dental Associations. He had held numerous civic offices in the community. Hhe has been an ardent and active worker in the Boy Scout organization. He is an enthusiastic supporter of all phases of wildlife conservation.

Dr. Hay is a member of the North Manchester Masonic Lodge, and the Scottish Rite at Fort Wayne. He is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

In 1953, he was named the Honor Dentist of the year, and was honored by the State Dental Association, at Indianapolis. On April 19, 1893, he was married to Gertude Babcock, of Silver Lake. They have



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two children, Dr. E. L. Hay, who has been a practicing dentist, in Goshen, since his graduation from North Western, in 1918, and Mrs. Orval Carr, of Syracuse. A grandson is following in his grandfathers' footsteps, same school, practicing the same profession.

American Legion Auxiliary

The Silver Lake American Legion Auxiliary Unit 431, of Silver Lake, Indiana, was organized May 25, 1950, with Commanler Charles Rupe and Adjutant Ray W. Jontz, present. An Auxiliary of twenty-six members was organized, with officers installed by Mrs. Bertha Korth, Second District President, as follows: Mrs. Charles Emma) Rupe, president; Mrs. Robert (Norma) Hoehn, treasurer; and Mrs. Nelson (Dorothy) Howell, secretary.

The Charter members are: Mrs. Lowell (Helen) Arnold, Mrs. Harry (Madge) Bouse, Miss Sharon Bouse, Mrs. Herbert (Norma) Ewing, Mrs. Truman (Mable) Enyeart, Mrs. Roscoe (Ruby) Ferverda, Mrs. Stuart (Madeline) Fisher, Mrs. Grant (Mary) Harris, Mrs. Robert (Norma) Hoehn, Mrs. Gordon (Cathryn) Howell, Mrs. Nelson (Dorothy) Howell, Mrs. Wm. (Evelyn) Jagger, Mrs. Walter (Cleo) Meinert, Mrs. Loren (Helen) Miller, Mrs. Earnest (Ruby) Mumford, Mrs. Harold (Barbara) Nelson, Mrs. Karl (Peggy) Parker, Mrs. Paul (Ilene) Parker, Mrs. Arvid (Mildred) Putman, Mrs. Charles (Emma) Rupe, Mrs. Jack (Florence) Shipley, Mrs. Cole (Vivian) Thompson, Mrs. Richard (Bernadine) Underhill, Mrs. Larry (Lavon) Walsh, and Mrs. John (Patricia) Yoder. Meeting nights were set for seven-thirty (7:30) o'clock, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

The present officers are Mrs. Arvid (Mildred) Putman, president; Mrs. Corliss (Eleanor) Rowland, first vice president; Mrs. Cole (Vivian) Thompson, second vice president; Mrs. Walter (Cleo) Meinert, secretary; Mrs. Charles (Emma) Rupe, treasurer; and chaplain, Mrs. Truman (Mabel) Enyeart.

Our membership now, in 1959, consists of 51 adults and 26 children.

We have a Knightstown Home program that is under the chairmanship of Mrs. Walter (Cleo) Meinert. We have a boy at Knightstown, a home for orphans of soldiers and sailors, that we sponsor on birthday, Christmas, and all special days that would make a child happy.

Our Rehabilitation chairman, Mrs. Ben (Margaret) Morgan, has an interesting program, collecting gifts for hospitalized veterans, at Christmas time, and also have adopted a forgotten veteran, a state institution patient at Longcliff, Logansport.

For our social night, the second Wednesday night, we have card parties for members and for the public.

The Lutheran Church

The Silver Lake Lutheran Church was organized by the Rev. G. H. Wilson, in 1865, and he was retained as pastor for a number of years. The Rev. A. Z. Fryburger was the last pastor of the congregation, before it was disbanded in 1921. Among the many pastors between these two, was the Rev. A. J. Douglas, to whose parsonage home, a young college student would return occasionally. Lloyd C. Douglas, author of "The Robe," and other religious fiction, was the son of this Lutheran pastor.

Wesleyan Methodist Church
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Clara (Bilger) Leonard was church organist for over forty-five years.

In 1924, the Rev. Levi Hill and the Rev. S. A. Mow, brother of Mrs. Emma Martindale, of Silver Lake, held a revival in the church. Rev. Hill, who, as a boy, had pumped the organ for the Lutherans, was now a minister. The Indiana Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church bought the building, and the Rev. Levi Hill was pastor for a number of times.

The present pastor is the Rev. and and Mrs. Amos Putney.

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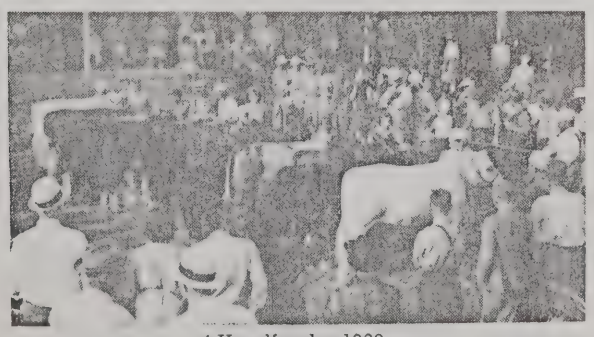
Silver Lake Lions Club

The need for a men's service club, in the community, following the disbandment of the Commercial Club, resulted in the organization of the Silver Lake Lions Club. The charter was granted in March, 1937, with a membership of fifty, C. I. Bashore being president; A. R. Ramsey, secretary; and J. L. Jontz, treasurer.

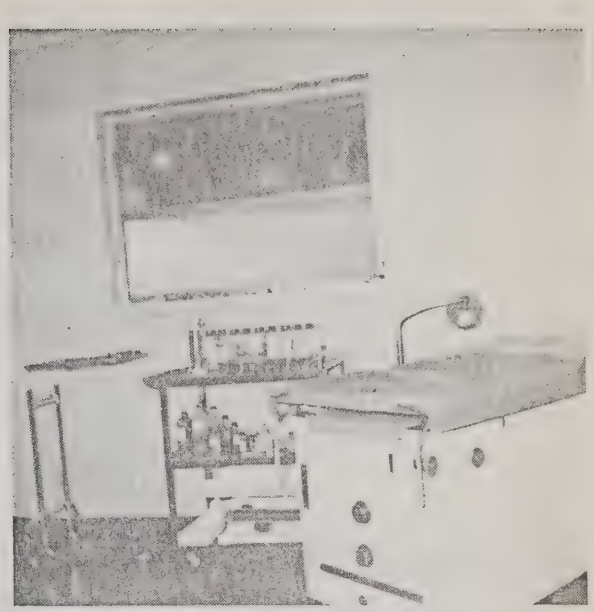
The first year, through the generosity of a local man and the supervision of a committee of the club, the Chapel at Lakeview Cemetery was erected. The first Silver Lake fair was on the streets in 1937. Everyone co-operated, in the entire community, and it was such a grand success, that another was planned for the following year. In 1938, the local club and fair was quite honored to have the first Kosciusko County 4-H Beef Calf show and sale. In 1939 and 1940, the club again sponsored the fair and calf show and sale. It was discontinued after that, largely because the traffic on State Roads No. 14 and No. 15 was getting so heavy that the fair could not be held on the streets, and no other place was available.

For a period of several years, because of economic conditions, no major projects were attempted by the club, however, various small and very worthwhile projects were carried out, among them was the sending of a local boy to Boy's State Encampment at Indianapolis, with all expenses being paid. Various members dropped from the club, and in the early 1950s, the membership had dropped to eighteen.

Efforts were made to try to enlarge the membership again, and in 1952, with approximately 25 members, a new project took form. The County Fair



4-H calf sale, 1938.



Interior of doctor's office.

Association had purchased a tract in east Warsaw, for the fairs, and the local club thought it would be a good idea to start an eating stand there, as a money making idea and an inducement to go forward to bigger accomplishments and better things for the community. The location was leased from the Fair Association, and a cement block building, costing about $2500, was erected by members and friends donating their labor. Hamburgers, soup, steak, hot dogs, and pie were served. The Lady Lions took over the kitchen duties, the men the counter work and grills. In two years time, the building was paid for.

Following the death of Dr. King, the community was without a physician. The Lions Club decided to do something about it. Membership began increasing and interest was high. They decided to erect a new modern office building as the first requisite in getting a new doctor. In 1955, Harley Rager donat-

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ed a very fine lot in the north part of town, and the new building was started. A bond of $800, from the disbanded Commercial Club, and individual loans from club members, without interest, provided the money. Much labor was donated. At a total cost of about $12,000, the building was completed, and in July, 1956, Dr. P. H. Pierson became our new physician. The community is very proud to have Dr. Pierson, his lovely wife Ann, son Mike, and daughter Diane, with us.

The club is taking on a large assignment, this year, in sponsoring the Centennial program, and it will be a success, because they have the spirit to make it a success. It now has a membership of sixty-six paid up members. Of the original membership, thirteen are deceased, twenty-four dropped out, and the following are still active: John Ayers, Don Bouse, Worby Clinker, John Ferverda, R. H. Ferverda, Frank Haney, R. W. Jontz, Russell Kerlin, Stuart Lindzy, Chas. Raber, H. P. Rager, A. R. Ramsey, and J. C. Grubb.

Pentecostal Church of God

The history of the Pentecostal Church of God began on September 14, 1942, when William Whitaker started services in his home. He directed the services until 1944, when a group of the elders purchased a church house north and east of Silver Lake, which they used for several years. Richard Bradley was their first pastor of the established church. H. K. Oney and Clarence Stanley served, also, in this building, as pastors. Many souls were saved, under their ministry. Ott Bradley, Erve Bradley, and William Whitaker were among the first to serve as deacons.

In 1951, the congregation built the new building in Silver Lake, where it is at the present time. This church started as a very small group, at the beginning, but it has grown to around two to three hundred, at the present time. Clarence Stanley was pastor, for several years, after the congregation moved into Silver Lake. Albert Whitaker also was pastor for around three years, in the new building. Robie Brown is the pastor at this time.

The Sunday School has an attendance of one hundred ninety up to around two hundred fifty.

Through the many years, there has been many good evangelists. To name a few of these, Wallace Timmons, from Marion, Kentucky; Hazel Gibson, of Indianapolis, Indiana; Mary Holden, from Buffalo, New York; and Al Roggsdale, from Godson, Alabama; and many others, by their ministry, contributed to the growth of this church.

The Summe Hardware

The Summe Hardware, the oldest retail business in Silver Lake, came into existance in April, 1907, when two brothers, George and Frank Summe, purchased one-half interest in the Miller and Zartman Hardware. The store was located in the building now occupied by the Silver Lake Welding Shop, which had been built in 1904, by C. L. Leonard and John Bilger, former hardware merchants. This partnership continued until the fall of 1907, when two other brothers, John and Fred Summe, purchased the other half interest of Miller and Zartman, and came into the business as silent partners.

Returning from Chicago, in 1908, where he had been in the restaurant business, Fred became an active partner, but sold his interest to his brothers, in January, 1909. In March, 1910, Alva Summe, another brother, came to Silver Lake to work in the store and continued in the store's employ until 1940, when ill health forced him to retire. In the fall of 1911, Frank sold his interest to George and John, with John coming into the store as an active partner. This partnership continued until 1929, when George bought out John's interest, leaving him sole owner.

This business remained in the original location until the spring of 1936. Then the building, two doors east, built by Fred Pritchard about 1910, was purchased and remodeled, and the business moved to the new location. Jack Summe, Georges' son, came into the business, as partner, in 1945. The Telephone building next door east, was purchased January 1, 1947. It was remodeled, an opening made between the two stores, and a furniture department was opened in the fall of 1947.

Today, George, at the age of 74, continues to be active in the business, with Jack as partenr and half owner, the store being known as E. G. Summe Hardware and Furniture.

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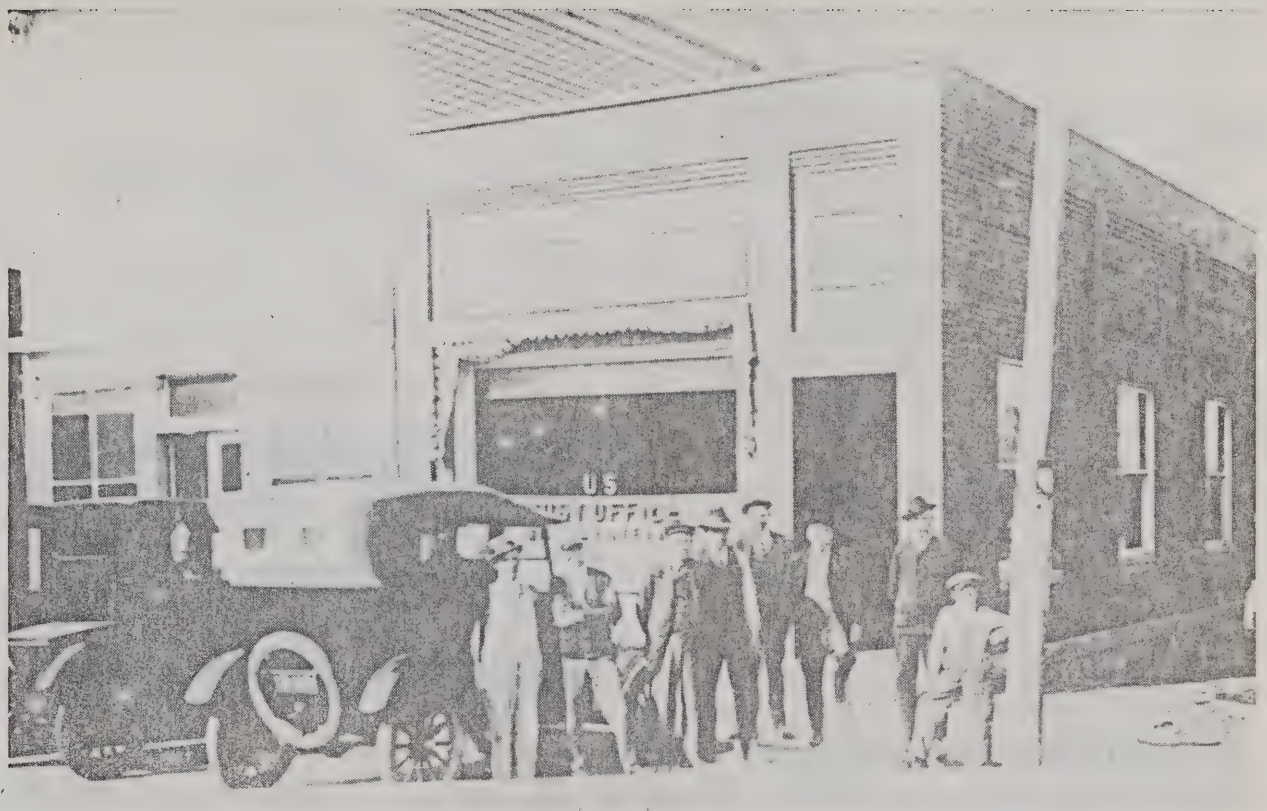

About 1924, left to right: carriers Charles Young, Maynard Young, and Artie A. Carr. Postmaster H. C. Brown, Walter Homman, "Pegg" Wells, Frank Brown, ... Homman.

Postal Service

Rural mail service was established, out of Silver Lake, about the year 1902. At this time, the postoffice was located in part of what is now the Flora Restaurant. Two routes were established, No. 1 driven by Sam Flora, and No. 2 by William Wiley, and they covered a distance of about 47 miles and served approximately 289 families. Rural Route No. 3 was started a couple years later, and the carrier was Charles Young.

The old mail buggy was used by these carriers and also later carriers, when the gravel roads became almost impassible, from mud and snow. These buggies were an enclosed box-like structure with one door, a large window in front, and windows in sides and back; only large enough for the carrier, his patrons' mail, the lunch box, and, in extreme cold weather, a number of hot bricks, to keep his feet warm for awhile. There was a seat in the back of the buggy and below the front window, which was hinged at the top so it could be opened, were the pigeon holes for the sorted mail. It took the better part of the day to make the route, then. However, when the "Tin-Lizzie" came into being, the time to make the route was, of course, much less.

The postoffice was moved about 1915, to the main part of what is now the Kerlin Tractor Sales, and was in that location until it was moved to its present location, in the early twenties.

The first stamp cancelling machine was installed in 1926, and in 1928, Route No. 3 was absorbed by Numbers 1 and 2.

Today, Route No. 1 has 840 patrons, 237 families, and covers 55 miles; Walter Meinert is the carrier. Route No. 2 has 986 patrons, 267 families, and covers 50 miles; Ben Morgan is the carrier. In addition to postmaster Sittler, Bill Jagger and Wilgerdia Sittler are also on the staff.

A list of the postmasters, through the century, is as follows:

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Postmaster	Date Appointed
Jacob Paulus	May 10, 1854
Jacob Myers	Oct. 3, 1861
James Hall	May 27, 1862
Tabor S. Latta	Oct. 25, 1869
Daniel D. Myers	Sept. 30, 1872
Mrs. J. Wiltrout	Jan. 11, 1875
Daniel Myers	March 29, 1880
Mrs. C. Long	April 27, 1885
John F. Clymer	May 18, 1889
George W. Yotter	April 5, 1893

Name of this office changed July 25, 1894, to Silver Lake, Indiana

George W. Yotter	July 25, 1894
James A. Meek	May 19, 1897
Samuel J. Carr	May 6, 1901
Henry A. Ferree	June 27, 1902
M. D. Yotter	April 20, 1915
Hollis Brown	1921
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Early Business District

The building at the southwest corner of the square, was a two-story frame structure with an outside stairway. John Fitton had a grocery store and shoe store, probably from the 1880's. His son-in-law, Joseph P. Homman, was in the store for many years, and Mrs. Fitton also clerked part time. The store was in existance some fifty years.

There was a small room to the rear of the building, in which was a millinery store. In the front room upstairs, John Henry had a barber shop. Later, when vacated, John Haney moved his shoe shop there, where it remained for a number of years.

Mr. Haney then purchased a building formerly used by a photographer—it resembled the present day house trailer—and moved it to the west of the Fitton building, where he remained in the shoe repair business until his death in 1929.

The large back room upstairs, was used by the "Silver Lake Cornet Band," for practice. The band leader was Willard J. Fitton. Later, when he moved to Indianapolis, Dale F. Homman was made director of the band.

The building to the south, adjoining the Fitton store, was occupied by the Farmers Bank, with John Fitton, president; J. P. Homman, vice president; and Willard J. Fitton, cashier. About 1912, Dale Homman was elected cashier, and in 1918, the store and the bank exchanged locations, the corner frame building being torn down and a one-story brick structure erected. After the death of Dale Homman, in 1920, the Farmers Bank was merged with the Commercial State Bank.

Dr. J. C. Hay purchased the Farmers Bank building, and moved his dental office to the rooms to the west. The Postoffice was moved into the front part, which had been occupied by the bank.

There was a building to the west of the Haney shoe shop in which was a saloon, owned by L. W. Myers. Later, it was vacated and Mrs. Myers operated a millinery store, and the family lived in the rear of the building. It was later destroyed by fire. Ed Snoke then erected a building, and he and Frank Helser operated a blacksmith shop for a number of years.

In 1918, the Haney Brothers Barber Shop, Frank and Harry, moved from the room adjoining the Flora Hotel, to the room formerly occupied by the Fitton store, which had been sold and moved away. They rented the building of Mary E. Fitton, until 1928, when a brother, Earnest Haney, bought the building. Since the death of Harry, in 1958, Frank has continued with the business, this year making 53 years as a barber.

Southwest corner of Public Square in Silver Lake, as it appeared in 1912. Corner building was torn down and replaced by present postoffice building.

The building to the south, adjoining the barber shop, now occupied by the Leo Flora Restaurant, was at one time a meat market, owned by a Mr. Lamb, and Jacob Zimmerman worked for him. Later, the front part was used for the postoffice, and the rest of the room was used as a printing office, by G. A. Brush and Chester Hanson. Ancil Ferre was the postmaster.

The postoffice was later moved to the cement block building now occupied by the Ford Tractor Company. During the time the new bank building on the corner, was being built, the Farmers Bank used this room.

After the bank moved out, Earnest Haney and Lelah Martin started a restaurant in this room, renting the building from Samuel Robinson. In 1935, they bought the building and continued in this business, as partenrs, until Mr. Haney's death in 1943. Lelah Martin operated the restaurant until March of this year, when she sold out to Leo Flora.

Where Mrs. John Enos has a rooming house, and the two rooms occupied by The Leonard Supply Co., was a residence. In about the year 1910, Sam Flora bought it and built the Crown Hotel and these two rooms. One room was used as a barber shop, for a number of years.

A monument shop, owned by James Decker, was on the corner where the Yoder Marathon station is located.

Mr. L. O. Henry

Mr. L. O. Henry recalls that he came to Silver Lake in the fall of 1918, and started a vulcanizing shop in the same building he now occupies. It did not pay, so he sold the machinery to a man in Rochester. He then installed a gas pump, which was only a gallon throw pump. (there was also in operation, a gas pump on the corner at the drug store at this time.) He worked up a good trade, and he finally put in a stock of Fisk tires and tubes. He had to cut off the hitch racks, so the autos could get up to the pumps for gas and oil. He has enjoyed a very good business during these years at Silver Lake.

Dr. Franks, Dentist

The dental office was opened, for practice, on September 12, 1939, in Silver Lake.

Preparation for this work was done at Manchester College, Indiana Universtiy, and Northwestern University.

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Surplus - - - - -	175,000
Und. Profits - - - -	189,000
Reserves - - - - -	41,750
Total Captial - - - -	$530,750

The Railroad

Early records briefly state that the C. W. & M. (Cincinnati, Wabash and Michigan) was completed in about 1871 or 72. The need of a railroad was felt here the latter part of the last century, as the nearest public transportation was the Wabash and Erie Canal, which had been built through Wabash county and running to Logansport. Grain, for shipment, had to be hauled from this locality to Largo in an ox cart, a slow and tedious journey. Public spirited citizens started a movement for the railroad, and Adam Stout and Dr. Dan Terry Sr., were appointed as collectors. The railroad was planned and built by Captain Wells, an officer in the Union Army during the Civil War.

The story goes that one of the first engines to run over the old C. W. & M., had been captured from the "rebels" by Captain Wells himself, during the war, and had been brought this far north. It seemed to harbor no ill feelings about running on a Yankee track, and did very well.

Wood, of course, was the only fuel for the engines, and many days of woodcutting was put in by farmers, to furnish fuel for the iron horses. The wood was stacked at intervals along the tracks, so that an egine crew, low on fuel, could stop and fill up when necessary.

Asa Sprigg stated that he received $1.15 per day as a section hand. Frank Brown was ten years old when the C. W. & M. opened for business, and believed he rode one of the first trains when he came from North Manchester, to make his new home in Silver Lake. He had come from DeKalb county, to North Manchester, on the old Eel River Line (officially the Auburn and Eel River Valley).

Another recollection is that on the front of the locomotives, near the headlights, they had the horns of the elk, and that the railroad was first called the Elkhart Line. The line ran from Elkhart to Anderson. It was later taken over by the New York Central and has been known as the Big Four. Its southern terminal now, is Indianapolis.

The railroad was a vital part of the economic welfare of the community. Not only was it used for the transportation of manufactured goods and produce in and out of town, but it was the quickest and best way, at that time, to go from town to town. As early as 1899, the Big Four was advertising

excursions to Indianapolis for $1.50 per round trip.

On April 1, 1903, a very disastrous wreck occurred. A passenger train, northbound, and through freight No. 65, southbound, came together about one mile south of Rose Hill. Conductor Black was in charge of the passenger train, which was drawn by engine No. 613, with Charles Seavey as engineer. Both trains were running at full speed, neither engineer was aware of danger until the passenger train rounded the sharp curve, which obstructed a view of the track ahead, and they were then but a short distance apart. Engineer Seavey sacrficied his life, by remaining on his engine until they were so near together that when he finally jumped, it was too late, and he was crushed to death under his own engine.

Brakeman William Hagan, of train No. 65, was instantly killed. The impact of the two trains was terrific. Both engines were hurled clear of the track as were five freight cars, loaded with heading, hay, furniture, etc. A car of sewing machines was among the number, the contents of which were scattered for many rods. The passengers were thrown over the seats and several were more or less cut and bruised. The wrecking crew arrived before midnight, and the body of Seavey was removed. The body of Hagan was not found until a large part of the wrekage was removed. It was found buried beneath the firebox of the engine. Joe Kerlin and his crew of section men helped in clearing the wreckage.

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The accident was believed to have been caused through a misunderstanding of orders by the crew of the freight train.

For a period of about thirty-five or forty years, the Silver Lake freight office was a very busy place. Ed Braude started shipping carloads of eggs and poultry to New York City each week, about 1910. Northern Indiana was ranking high among the states, in the 20's and 30's, for its production of onions and potatoes. Local men, some buyers and shippers, others growers, shipped hundreds of carloads from this station during these years. They were W. R. Wedrick, W. H. Kern, Ira Leckrone, Fred McKown, Frantz and Loucks.

During the years 1925 to 1942, the Farmers Shipping Association, with A. I. Bouse as manager, shipped many carloads of livestock from their shipping yard along the track.

Two local hatcheries, Silver Lake Hatchery, owned by C. I. Bashore, and the Lone Pine Hatchery, owned by Ted Braude, also added much to the volume of business done by the local station.

In 1923, about one-half mile north of the station, a freight train was wrecked and over a dozen cars piled high. The wrecked cars were a car of lumber, two cars of coal, a car of brick, a car of barrel heading stock, two cars of radiators, a large tank of gasoline, a large tank of crude oil, a car of sugar, a car of assorted merchandise, and a car of pig iron. Several thousand pounds of sugar scattered over the track and became saturated with gas and crude oil. The wreck cost the Big Four thousands of dollars. It was believed to have been caused by a broken rail.

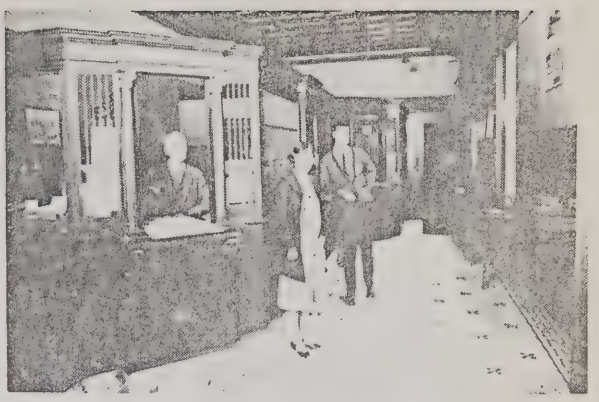
Many factors were responsible for the decline of the volume of business, among them being the fact that Texas and Michigan were taking away Indiana's onion business, labor problems were involved, the local hatcheries were no more in operation, and the highway trucks were taking the place of rail transportation, in many respects.

When it was learned that the railroad was going to close the station, a number of people and members of the Lions Club protested vigorously. Through their efforts, a large number of people attended a hearing, held at the depot, in the spring of 1957, and apparently were responsible for keeping the station open a while longer. However, on September 26, 1958, it was closed and the agent, R. W. Ferverda, was transferred to Claypool. The old depot was sold recently, to Walter Jontz.

Agents, who have served, have been as follows: (according to best information available): George Brush, John Arthur (relief), John Walters, John Ferverda, Fred McKown, and R. H. Ferverda.

Commercial State Bank

The Commercial State Bank began its operation at the present site of the Kerlin Department Store, its present location being purchased from J. C. Cavender, where it has continued in uninterrupted operation for 54 years.



The Commercial State Bank (1926). Cashier W. H. Kern, Ruby Parker, James Jontz.

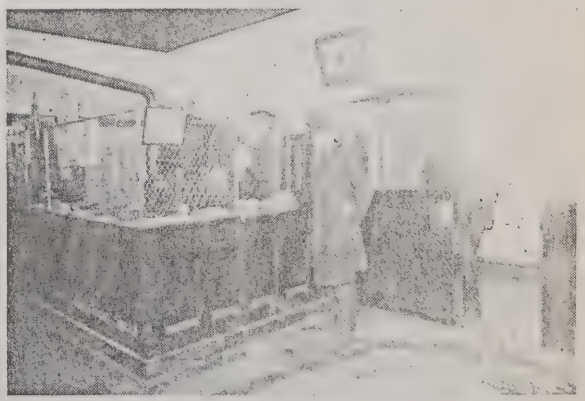
The State Bank Charter was granted July 25, 1905, with eight directors elected from the original thirty-five stockholders; directors being Ira Leckrone, Sylvanus Funk, C. E. Stout, Noah Frantz, Monroe Paulus, J. C. Cavender, Joseph Metzger, and J. C. Babcock.

First officers elected, were Ira Leckrone, president; Sylvanus Funk, vice president; and C. E. Stout, cashier. After two years service as cashier, Mr. Stout resigned and was succeeded by William H. Kern, who served in this capacity for 26 years, resigning in 1934.

J. L. Jontz entered the bank as assistant cashier, November, 1919, after returning from World War I, and was elected cashier in 1934, succeeding Mr. Kern. This position as cashier and vice president, he held until his death, September 7, 1950, which terminated 31 years of service with the bank.

Ruby Parker, assistant cashier, entered the bank in 1924, was elected to assistant cashier in 1934, and has been affiliated with the bank 35 years.

Tressie Haney has been employed at various times, starting first when Mr. Stout was cashier, then serving as assistant cashier to Mr. Kern for a short time. Again in the early 20's, she was employed for a while, and in recent years, has been a part-time employee.



The Commercial Bank, perhaps about 1903. Cashier, Ed Stout. Customer, Rev. Kane (Lutheran). In doorway, Adam Stout.

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Leland Jontz was affiliated with the bank several years, serving as assistant cashier, after returning from college in 1949.

Evelyn Jontz Chiddister was a part-time employee for several years, from 1935 to 1941.

Louise M. Jontz, teller, entered the bank in 1943, has served sixteen years.

Robert S. Zimmer, cashier, entered the bank in June, 1951, was formerly employed at the Lake City Bank at Warsaw, Indaina.

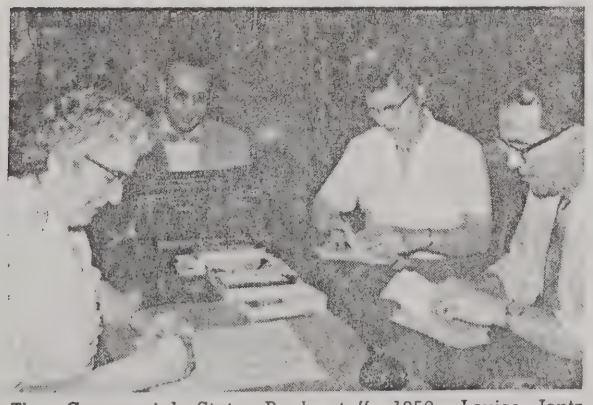
Nelson Howell, bookkeeper, joined our staff in March, 1957.

In mid-afternoon on April 9, 1948, three "gentlemen gunmen" robbed the bank and escaped with $3,755.93. The neatly dressed bandits employed a new technique, they did not leave a get-away driver at the wheel of their car. They all entered the bank at the same time and left at the same time. They did not give the employees a chance to get at alarm devices, but held them at gun point in the lobby and scooped up the cash, mostly small bills, themselves. Only when the armed bandits left the bank unobtrusively and got into their car, did the hold-up run true to form. Trustee J. W. Ferverda, County Service officer Latta, and John Winger, a Silver Lake farmer, observed the bandits park their car on road 15 and enter and leave the bank. It was only when their car screamed around the corner at the town's main intersection and roared west on road 14 at high speed, that they knew anything was underway. The men ran across the street and met cashier Jontz as he came out of the bank. The alarm was sounded.

Within a few minutes, the drivers of two autos, a woman and a young man, drove into Silver Lake to tell of being almost crowded from road 14 a few miles west of town, by a late model black Chrysler, evidently the get-away car, being driven at high speed west. State police blockaded roads across northern Indiana, but the bandits slipped through the net.

About an hour after the robbery, state police detectives arrived at the bank for an exhaustive investigation, and secured detailed descriptions of the bandits, from cashier Jontz; his wife Louise, a bookkeeper; Mrs. Huram Parker, the assistant cashier; and Clyde Seels, the lone customer in the bank during the stick-up. All three bandits were neatly dressed, one guarded the door and the prisoners, with a sawed-off shotgun; the other two, armed with revolvers, herded the bank employees out into the bank lobby with the lone customer, and rifled the cash drawer and vault. The loot was described as follows: one $50 sack of pennies; one $150 sack of nickels; one $200 sack of half-dollars; five $100 bills; two or three $50 bills; and the remainder in currency up to $20 denominations.

Russel and Paul Kerlin



The Commercial State Bank staff, 1959. Louise Jontz, Robert Zimmer, Ruby Parker, Nelson Howell.

The bandits were apprehended months later, in the east.

The bank was incorporated in July, 1925, under the name of the Commercial State Bank, and celebrated its 50th anniversary, with open house to our community and friends, from 8:30 a. m. to 8 p. m. on July 30, 1955.

Present officers and employees are as follows: E. G. Summe, President and Director; Clyde Sells, Vice President and Director; Robert S. Zimmer, Cashier and Director; Ruby Parker, Assistant Cashier and Director; Stuart Lindzy, Director; Louise M. Jontz, Teller and Director; and Nelson Howell, Bookkeeper.

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1846 to 1959

The Center E. U. B. Church located 1½ miles north of Silver Lake was founded in 1846 when a society was started holding meetings in homes, barns, and log schoolhouses. After meeting this way for four years, a log church was built on the site of the present church in 1850. During construction the entire neighborhood met at the J. Hammond home. While the women did the cooking, the men erected the building from logs previously donated and hauled to the building site. The church was placed with a group of 8 other churches in Kosciusko and Wabash counties and called the Warsaw Circuit.

In the early records it was found the ministers urged that there was no excuse for staying away from church because of the spledid corduroy roads, bolsters for their wagon springs and dependable oxen.

In 1857 a Great Revival was held by Rev. Fletcher Thomas of North Manchester. The meeting was a grand victory; many were saved and the church strengthened.

In 1861 a white frame church was constructed replacing the log church and years later a vestibule and bell tower was added to the south end. The bell was then moved from the top of the church to the bell tower. Many other improvements were added during the following years, consisting of a basement, heating system, side entrance to basement, new entrance steps.

Because of increased attendance in 1952, concrete plans were formulated for planning of an educational addition to the white frame church under the pastorate of Rev. Kenneth Kraft. The services of Architect Hugh Rickel of Warsaw was secured for the plans of the new addition. During the next two years many plans were formulated by committees and submitted to the congregation. This same year. Mr. and Mrs. Scott Blanchard deeded the 1½ acre triangular section of ground just north of the frame church as a gift for future needs of the church. Final plans for a 30x58' addition on the north end of the frame church was approved by the congregation. The construction to be of frame and Indiana Limestone veneer. Work was started in April of 1954 and six months later a fine structure, very adequate, was dedicated to God's teaching. Members of the building committee under the guidance of Rev. Wilbur Workman were Jack Shipley, Walter Meinert, Rex Parker, Cornelieus Surface, and Charles Waite.

Center U. B. Church, 1½ miles north of Silver Lake.

On April 3, 1956 the Fair View Church was destroyed by a tornado and the congregation decided not to rebuild but to go to area churches. Center Church was strengthened by 19 members and financial support.

Plans for removing the white frame structure and replacing it with an all masonry sanctuary was approved by the congregation in the spring of 1958. Last services in the white frame church were held on Sunday, June 1, 1958. The following week the church was torn down by the membership and work started the following week by the general contractor Robert Bowen. On November 2, 1958 a completed and very beautiful country church was dedicated with Bishop R. H. Mueller bringing the message.

Present Sunday School enrollment at Center is 198 with an average attendance of 165.

Following is the list of ministers during the past 113 years. Joe Huffer, John Surran, Joshn Todd, Hiram Freeman, S. W. Wells, H. G. Potter, P. G. Wells, N. Castle, H. E. Snepp, Rev. Hardy, Rev. Morrison, Rev. Trueax, Rev. Seasmon, J. Good, J. R. Brown, C. C. Perviance, D. M. B. Patten, J. J. Himes, E. Sethman, H. Clark, J. D. Coverstone, N. F. Surface, H. A. Snepp, G. T. Butler, J. A. Cummins,W. H. Fetro, C. S. Parker, J. W. Riley, J. T. Keesey, C. J. Miner, J. G. Kline, G. E. Luke, H. E. Butler, S. A. Rhoads, C. A. Spitler, M. V. Mullikin, Noah McCoy, J. L. Ickis, J. W. Henbaugh, Rev. Spicher, O. L. Richart, J. W. Dickinson, C. Huchings, J. D. Smith, F. Grow, D. B. Kissinger, I. E. Logenbaugh, J. C. Bailey, L. E. Eaton, K. B. McCoy, Raymond Wilson, W. A. Hatfield, Rev. Noah McCoy, Rev. Charles Moore, Rev. G. R. Champlin, K. Kenneth Kraft, Albert Swenson, W. A. Workman, and Rev. Charles Haney, the present pastor.

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A new enterprize was founded in Silver Lake, on January 1, 1909, by C. Leroy Leonard, and known as the Leonard Supply Company, for the purpose of handling road building material and equipment, as well as school supplies, furniture, and school wagons, and later, motor school coaches.

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The Leonard Supply Company had a modest beginning, and was operated as a one man business until January, 1915, when Charles H. Raber, son-in-law of Mr. Leonard, joined the business. The sales organization was enlarged so as to be represented in an area comprising three-fourths of the state. Mr. Leonard held an active interest in the business until it was sold to Mr. Raber on January 1, 1940, who had sole management until after the close of World War II, when his son, Charles Leonard Raber, entered the business as a partner, January 1, 1948.

The company is now the oldest of its kind in the state, being operated as founded under its original name, and is one of the leading school bus and passenger bus distributors in Indiana. On July 1, 1954, Charles H. Raber retired from the business, and Paul W. Zile joined the company as a partner with Leonard Raber, who are now carrying on after fifty years of continuous operation.

The Drug Store

The drug store, now operated by W. C. Pegg, on the corner of Main and Jefferson Streets, was built in 1884, then occupied by James Babcock. Then a half interest was bought by I. U. Snowberger, this was known as the Peoples Drug Store for years. It was then sold to Charles Rager, who operated until 1904, then was sold to Floyd V. Zimmerman, known as The Corner Drug Store. From 1907 to 1947, the store was operated by H. P. Rager. During this time, a half interest was sold to Clarence (Bud) R. Jontz, known then as the Rager-Jontz Drug Store.

In 1947, W. C. Pegg purchased the drug store from Rager, and is operating it at present.

West Eel River Church

The West Eel River congregation is a branch or part of the Eel River Church. Their first building was a frame structure, built about 1868, and stood on the south side and a little east of the present house, which was built in 1909, and is located two miles east of Silver Lake.

The new house, built of cement blocks, was dedicated in June, 1910, just after the death of Noah Butterbaugh, who so greatly desired to enjoy the use of it.

The congregation was organized as a seperate church on June 21, 1913, with Samuel Leckrone as presiding elder. Other elders were T. D. Butterbaugh, George Swihart, H. Wright, Aaron Moss, Emanuel Leckrone, Abram Miller, Edward Kinter, Lawrence Goodmiller, Hugh Miller, E. H. Gilbert, T. G. Weaver, Ira Kreider, Howard Kreider, and Leonard Custer, who is now serving as pastor. Church membership, at the present (1959), is 140.

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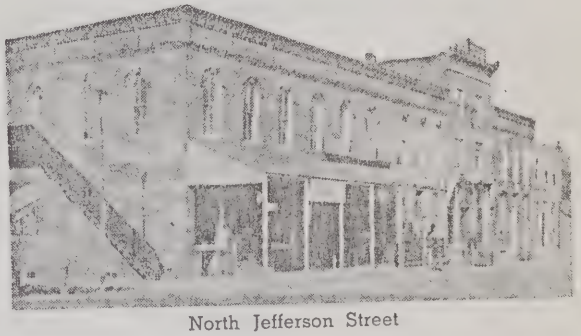

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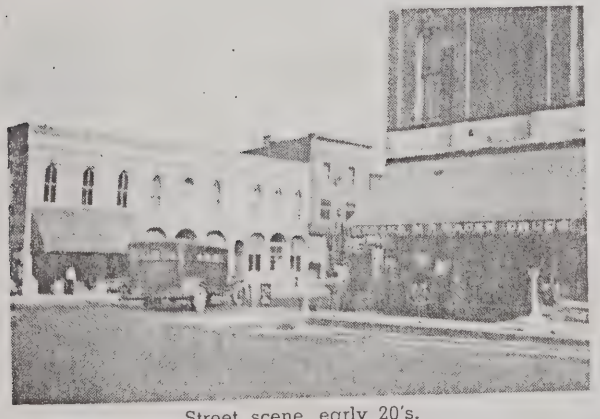

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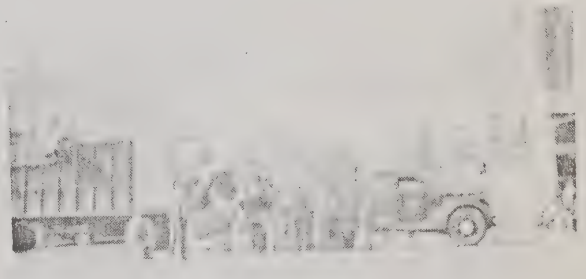
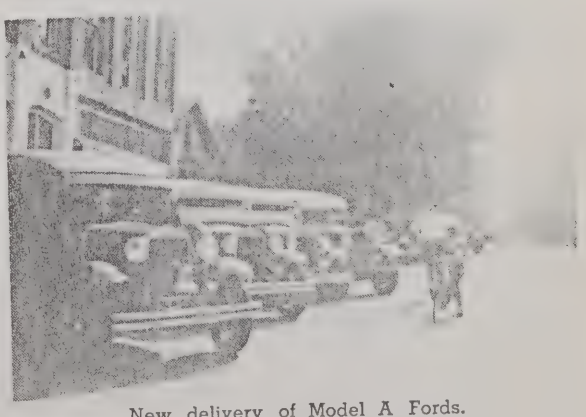


Big attraction, town square, 1942.

Fox hunters, 1946.



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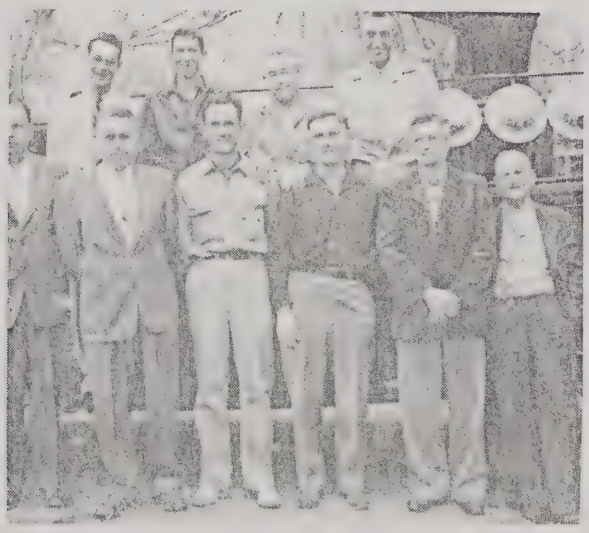

Fire department, 1956. Front row, left to right, Wayne Haney, John Teeter, Truman Enyeart, Walter Meinert, Howard Swihart, Frank Haney, back row, left to right, Bob Zimmer, Cole Thompson, Albert Romsey, Austin Neher.

Hines woods, 1922. Albert Laughman, Ben Laughman, Dennis Parker, Gene Way, Arthur Smith.

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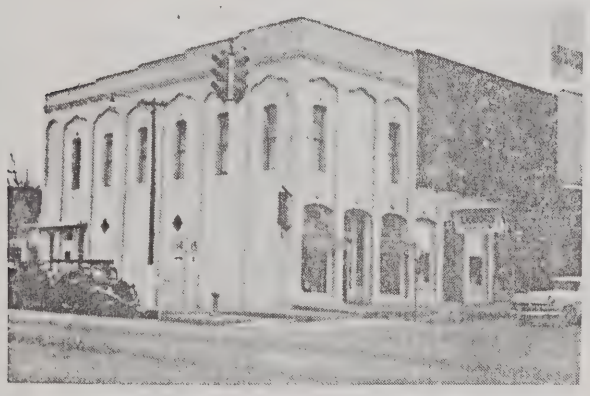

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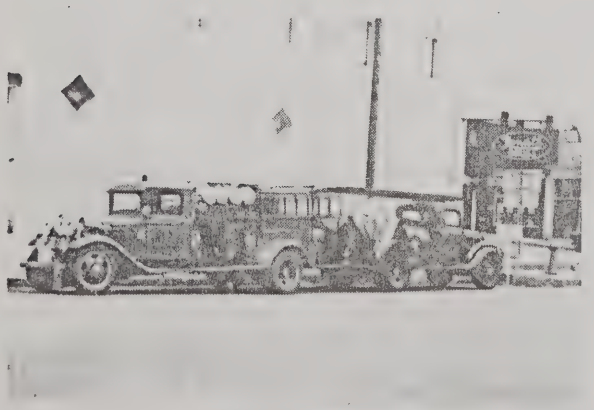

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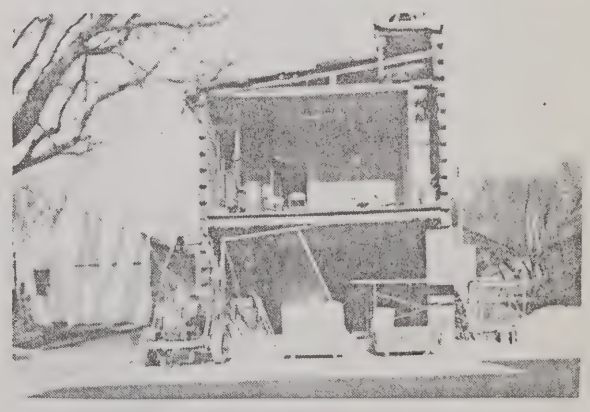

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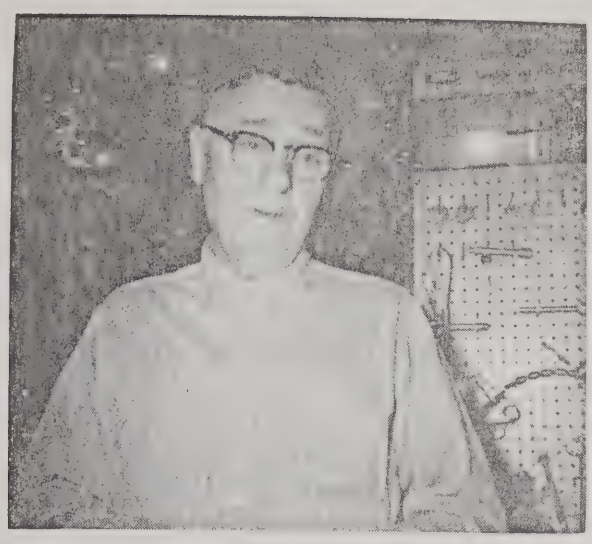

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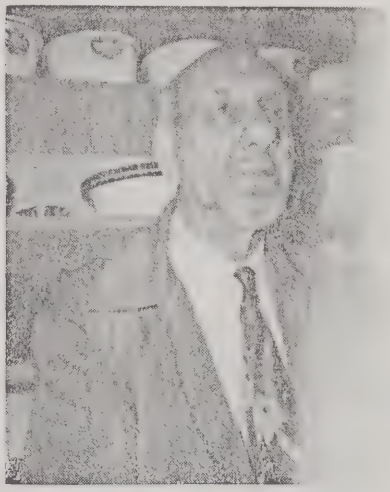

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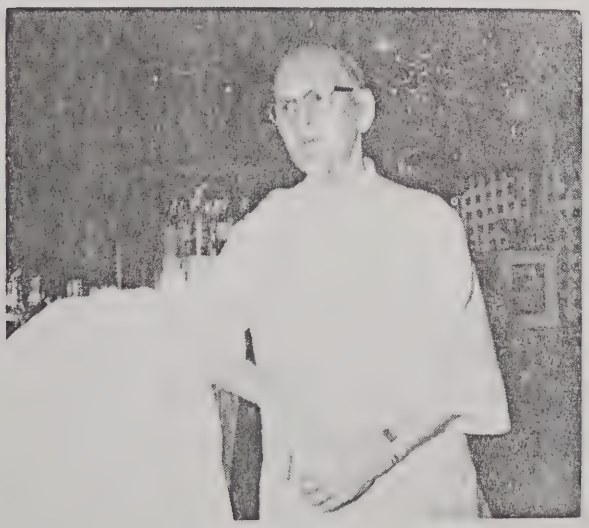

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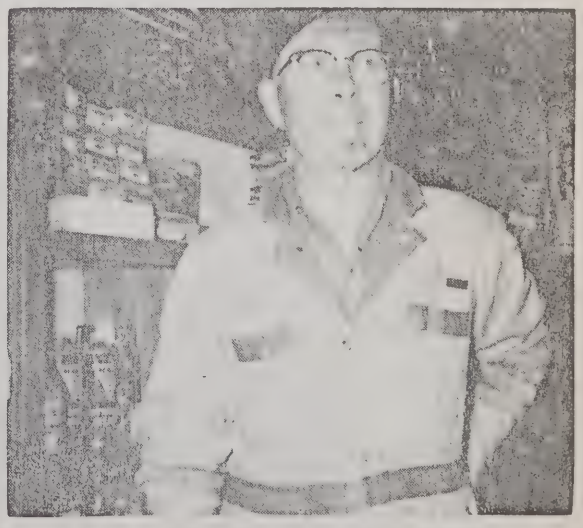

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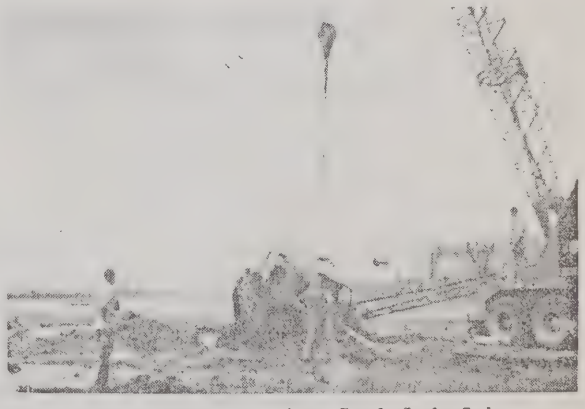

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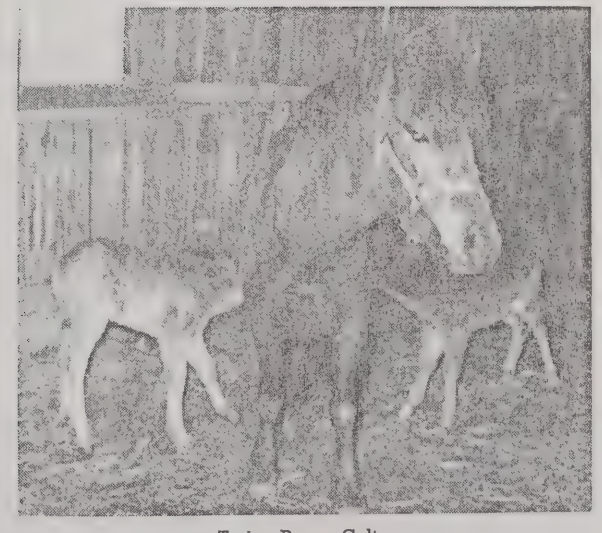

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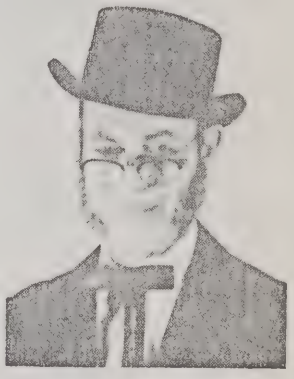

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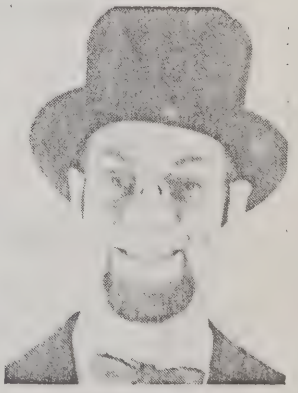

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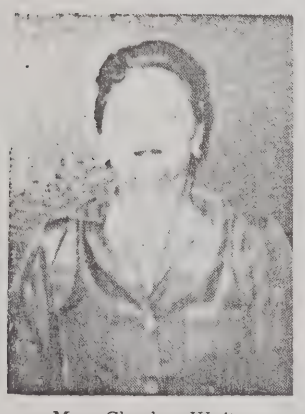

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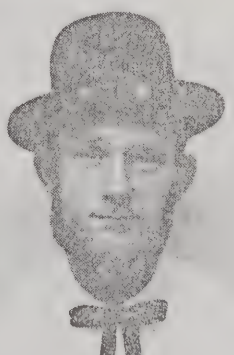

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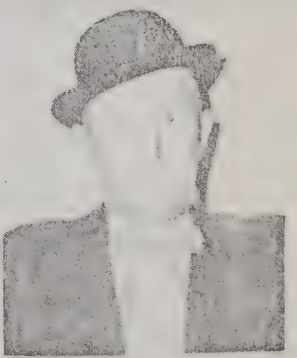

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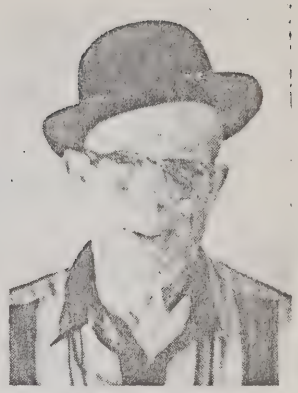

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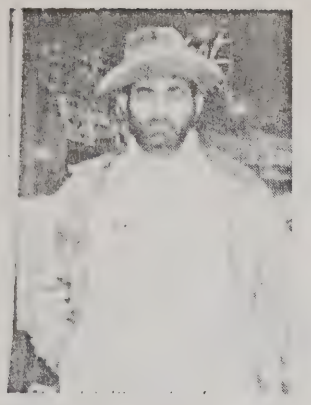

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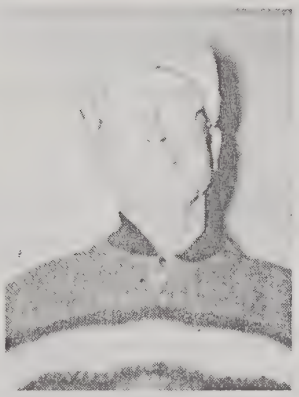

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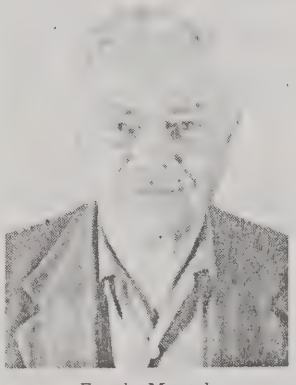

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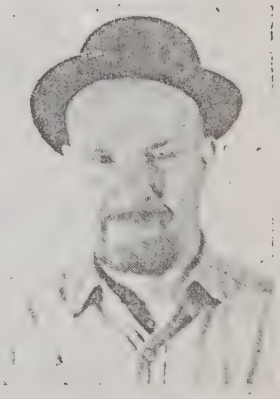

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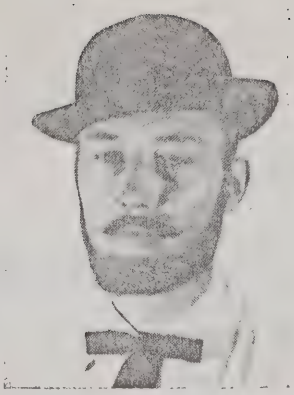

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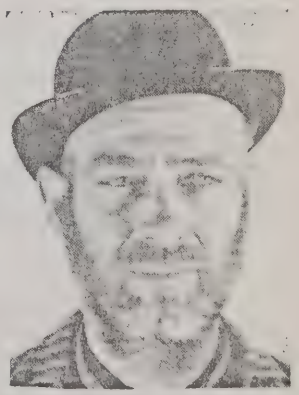

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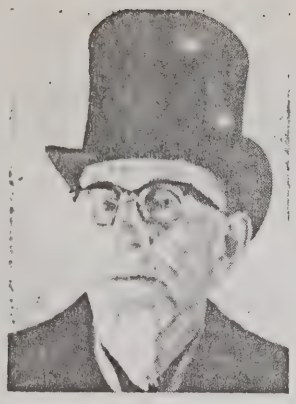

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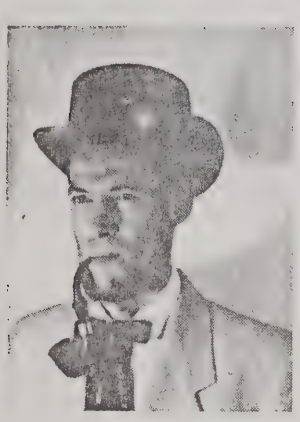

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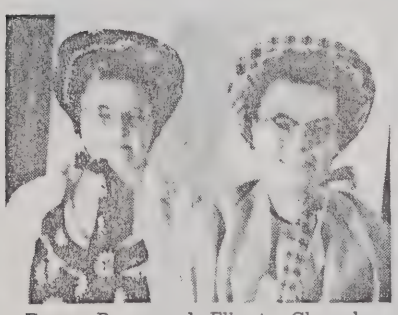

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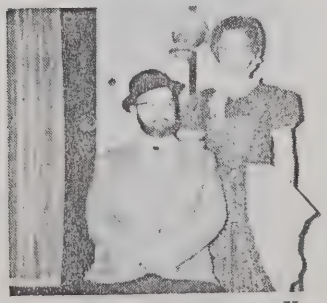

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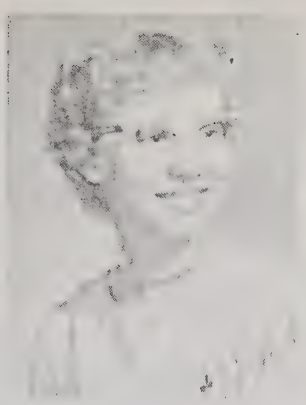

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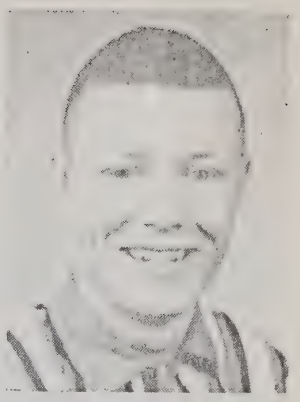

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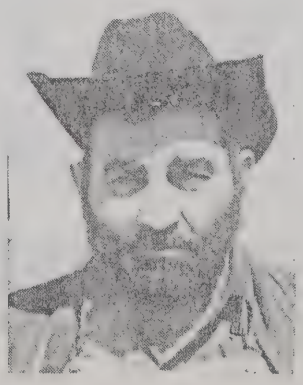

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Silver Lake School, built 1888 and used until 1906, without change.

Silver Lake School after the addition, in 1906, of the northeast wing, used until 1930.

Silver Lake School, built in 1930, and used to date without structural changes.

A Century of Education In Silver Lake

By C. Chapple

As we look back over the past history of Silver Lake, from an educational standpoint, we note many changes in the past century, which show steady advancement—a spirit of progress—and as this spirit of progress was handed on to us of the present generation, so do we pass this spirit on to the future generations.

The first school building, within what is now the incorporated limits of Silver Lake, was a log structure, built by the early settlers about 1838, of one room 24 feet square with one window on the west side. The window was covered with sheep skin, dressed to paperlike thinness and saturated with oil. The seats were hewn logs, with no backs. Holes were bored in the side walls into which wooden pegs were driven and slabs of wood were placed on them, to serve as desks.

This log school was located on the northwest corner of the public square, at this time. However, since the streets were not exactly as they are today, that would be in the middle of what is today, South Jefferson Street, a few feet in front of the present Post Office.

This school, as were all rural schools in this state from 1836 to 1859, was financed on a subscription basis, by the patrons. The salary of the teacher ranged from five to fifteen dollars per month, plus board and lodging at the homes of the patrons. The teacher was anyone with a little education and nerve enough to teach. No certificate or license was required until about 1843, when a certificate was given upon passing an examination in orthography, reading, writing, and arithmetic.

This first log school was in session during the summer months, for as long a term as the money subscribed, would last, usually not over three months. The subjects taught, were spelling, reading, writing, and arithmetic, with emphasis on spelling.

The log building was discontinued, for school purposes, about 1859, when it was decided to "modernize" and enlarge. The teacher, in the log school, was Urilla M. Geiger. A new one story, one room, frame building was erected about one-half mile north of town, about where the Silver Star Drive-In is now located. This was known as the "Deep-Cut" school, as there was a deep cut made in the hill for the road past the school. This was the school where our oldest citizen, Mrs. Minerva Zimmerman, started her first year of school.

During the years 1857 to 1859, the trustees (elected annually at that time) erected five of the seven District schools that were in what, on September 20, 1870, became Lake Township, but had been, until this time, the south part of Clay Township. The "Deep-Cut" school was erected in 1859, and had as its first teacher, John M. Brown.

In 1865, the "Deep-Cut" school was abandoned for school purposes, as a new building was to be erected on a lot of ground at the west edge of town, where the Mrs. Harry Kline dwelling now stands. The ground was given by Andrew J. Homman, and the building constructed by James W. Keplinger, contracting with Albert Scoles, Clay Township Trustee.

This building was a full two story frame structure, thirty feet wide and forty feet long, having two rooms below. It contained two stair cases, "one for males and one for females." The contractor was to make the furniture. An interesting quote, from the contract, is as follows: "Two desks for teacher, one in each room, with drawer with lock and key, five feet long and two feet wide." In reading the specifications in the contract, it is easily seen that this would have been a very up-to-date school at that time. This school was known as District No. 10 of Clay Township, becoming District No. 4, upon the organization of Lake Township.

The first teacher, in this new school, was Ephriam Wells. "I have this day appointed Ephriam Wells to teach in District No. 10 at the price of ninety dollars for a term of three months, and so long as the public funds will last at the same rate, to teach school in District No. 10," signed Joshua Caldwell, Township Trustee.

When Lake Township was organized in 1870, there were seven school districts numbered as follows: No. 1, Isenberger School, four miles east and one mile north of Silver Lake; No. 2, Krieter School, two miles east and one mile north; No. 3, Clink School, one and one-half miles north and one-half mile east; No. 4, Silver Lake School; No. 5, Penrod School, one mile south; No. 6, Leffel School, two miles east and one mile south; No. 7, Vance School, four miles east and one mile south.

It was in this new Silver Lake school, in 1873, that the first two-teacher school started. Also, by this time, school sessions were varying from three to 5 months. After 1843, it was necessary for teachers to have a certificate to teach, issued by a county "school examiner."

About 1878, the Silver Lake School, District No. 4, became a town school, controlled and financed by the corporation of Silver Lake. A School Board was organized and a school fund included in the town budget.

An interesting excuse sent to a teacher: "Please excoose Henry for absence yesterday. Him and me got a chance to ride to a funeral in a carriage, and I let him stay to home, as he never rode in a carriage and never went to a funeral, nor had any other pleasures."

By 1888, the need for a new school was seen, and a two story, four room brick structure was built at the south end of High Street. This was about one hundred feet southwest of the present Silver Lake School building. The present playground swings are located about the center of this site. L. D. Keller was the contractor, with Ira Burke assisting.

This building was heated by stoves, two being in each room. Enough wood had to be carried in each day, to supply the eight stoves.

By this time, it required the services of two grade teachers and one high school teacher.

In 1897, there was only one year of high school, and in the spring of 1898, "several of our ninth year 'graduates' are preparing to take the teachers examination, this month." In the fall of 1898, a second year of high school was added, and the next year was added the third year beyond the common school.

The first high school graduating class was the Class of 1900, graduating from a three year course. The graduates were Valeria Self, Floyd Zimmerman, Lert Lukens, and Milo Scott.

Trustee John L. Arthur and his Advisory Board, at the regular annual meeting of 1901, made plans for the building of "a graded building at some point near the center of the township, at which nearly all of the children of the township can be accommodated." "It is regretted that this building cannot be located at Silver Lake." This school never materialized.

There was no high school commencement exercise in 1903, as the course of study had been lengthened to four years, for the coming term. This was also the year that the Penrod School, known as No. 5, was discontinued by Trustee Arthur, and the pupils from the district, were transported to the school in town, at the expense of the township. Thus we had the beginning of the present school bus system, in Lake Township.

The Town Board of Trustees, T. J. Colbert, W. D. Stout, and James M. Amiss, with Jacob C. Hay as clerk, met in November of 1903 and passed an ordinance transferring the Silver Lake School, real estate and personal property, to the Trustee of Lake Township. From that date to the present, the Silver Lake School has been under the supervision of the Township Trustee.

Lake Township supplied the largest class, in Kosciusko County, for the 1903 common school graduation exercises, held in Winona.

The County Commissioners, in late 1904, granted a petition, presented by Seward Township residents, for the transfer of the south part of Seward Township (fourteen square miles) to Lake Township, thus adding three new school districts to Lake Township. This necessitated the renumbering of school districts, and the Silver Lake School became District No. 7. Therefore, during the years of 1905 and 1906, Lake Township Trustee C. L. Leonard, supervised the nine schools of these thirty-eight square miles.

The school term had finally reached a full seven month session by 1905.

Until this year, the monthly Saturday teacher institutes had been held jointly with Clay Township. Starting with the coming year, each held these institutes separately.

In 1906, T. B. Evans was awarded a contract for the construction of an addition to the school building, and the installing of a steam heating plant. The addition was a northeast wing, twenty-nine feet by forty feet, two stories, and constructed of brick, with an excavation under it, for the heating plant.

When school started the next term, there were five teachers on duty: Charles Reinoehl, Principal and high school teacher; W. H. Kern, grades 7 and 8; Mabel Martindale, grade 5 and 6; Hazel Robbins, grades 3 and 4; and Mary Stout, grades 1 and 2.

During the summer of 1907, a Normal School was conducted at Silver Lake, for the training of teachers. The enrollment was sixteen. This "teacher's college" was organized by Prof. J. E. Eschbach.

Basketball was organized this year. "We have two basketball teams. Prof. Reinoehl met with the boys Friday evening and assisted in organizing the teams." Harry Haney was elected manager. Later, a game between the Reds and the Greens ended with a score of 6 to 2, in favor of the Reds. On a later date, "a number of high school girls were playing basketball after school." November— "The basketball team has received an invitation from a North Manchester team, to play a game of basketball."

School District No. 3, Clink School, was abandoned in 1908, and the pupils brought to town. This admitted the placing of a second high school teacher, making six teachers in the school. This was also the year that the State Board of Education certified the high school at Silver Lake.

This was also the year Tony Hoover, an eight-year-old pupil in the primary room, taught by Alda Lukens, was playing with dynamite caps during school hours, and one exploded in his hand, making it necessary for Dr. Carey and Dr. Amiss to amputate the badly mangled members.

When school opened in September, 1909, the students found the school ground had been enlarged, by the addition of an acre of land, also a fire escape had been added to the building.

In 1910, the high school finished eight months of school, while the grades held school for only seven months. Eight months of school was a requirement for becoming a commission high school. "On December 2, 1910, we received a High School Commission from Charles A. Greathouse, State Supt. of Public Instruction."

During the summer of 1911, an eight week subscription school, for children who would be of school age the next fall term (kindergarten), was conducted by Miss Alda Lukens.

About this time box suppers were common means of raising funds for special projects. This was the means used by the school to raise $45.00 to apply on a piano fund.

District No. 2, Krieter School and District No. 6, Leffel School were discontinued in 1912. Now pupils from District No. 2, 3, 5, and 6 were being transported to the Silver Lake School.

It was also during the winter of 1912 that a new two room brick building was erected four miles east of Silver Lake, later known as the Maple Grove School. Hipskind and Hipskind of Wabash were awarded the contract by N. M. Frantz, Lake Township Trustee.

In 1913 Districts No. 1, Isenberger School and No. 7, Vance School were abandoned and the pupils transported to the new Maple Grove School. This brought to a close the one room rural school era in Lake Township. At this time all grade school pupils were transported at public expense but the High

School students were required to furnish their own transportation.

Domestic Science was first added to the course of study in 1914.

The first Silver Lake High School Alumni Association meeting was held in the spring of 1915 and the following year the constitution and by-laws were adopted. The Odd Fellows Hall, and K. of P. Hall were the banquet halls for a number of years.

There were several teachers, High School graduates, and members of the senior class took the examination, in 1916, for a "license to teach." This was the year that started the requirement for parent's permit and doctor's certificate for engaging in basketball.

In 1918 the two rooms on the second floor of the original part of the school were remodelel into one "large" assembly hall. Also this larger room served as an entertainment center. It gradually took the place of the old Opera Hall, up town, for school programs.

This was the year the six-six plan was inaugurated in the Silver Lake School. Also this year school was closed for a month because of a ban on public gatherings because of an influenza epidemic.

Anyone making 95 or above in deportment, 90 in punctuality and 90 in subject were exempt from taking the semester examination.

Basketball was played on the outside courts until about 1919 when the games were played on the second floor of the Yount Building (above what is now Dick's Restaurant).

The first attempt at a school paper, "Our High School," was by the Seniors of 1921.

Transportation of pupils was for many years by horse drawn hacks. This method began to give way in 1922 when the first motor driven school bus was used in Lake Township driven by Paul Kerlin.

For many years Eighth Grade Commencement Exercises, for all county eighth grade pupils passing the examination for graduation, were held at Winona Lake. This commencement was abolished by the County Board of Education in 1926.

In 1927 the basketball team began using the Blue Lantern Dance Pavilion for practicing and home games. This pavilion was located where the Guy Acre cottage, in Courtland Park, now stands.

Township Trustee, M. D. Yotter in May 1930 awarded a contract to Frantz and Loucks of North Manchester for the construction of the present school building. This school is located on what was known as the Wiltrout lots at the corner of Sycamore and High Streets just about one hundred feet northeast of the former school. The contract called for a three story brick structure to have a home economics room, manual training room, three grade school rooms, an assembly room and eight class rooms for the high school, also a gymnasium and community room combined.

The razing of the former school and the building of the new building started a little over a week after the contract was awarded. Work progressed rapidly and on July 24, 1930 was held the Cornerstone Laying Program.

A parade ending at the school building consisted of the Warsaw American Legion Band, Silver Lake Boy Scouts, members of the Masonic Lodge, school children and citizens. The Masonic Lodge was in charge of the Cornerstone laying ceremony. Before sealing in the cornerstone, a securely sealed bronze box was placed in it containing the following: one Holy Bible, an American Flag, brief history of Lake Township, short history of Education in Lake Township, copies of the Silver Lake Record of May 1, 1930 and July 24, 1930, number of pictures, one each of the three churches, one each of the four main business corners in Silver Lake, one of the Town Hall, one of each filling station, one of L. D. Keller (the man who built the school building in 1888 which was just torn down), a picture of Jerlyn Ramsey, youngest resident of Lake Township, pictures of Trustee M. D. Yotter and N. M. Frantz, contractor, list of business and professional men of Silver Lake and length of time engaged in business or profession, list of School Teachers, Roll of Boy Scouts Roll of Masons in or near Silver Lake and Lake Township, and a copy of Masonic Grand Lodge proceedings of the laying of the cornerstone of the Silver Lake School. Judge L. W. Royse, of Warsaw gave a very interesting address using the theme "We Build." Nearly one thousand persons attended the ceremony.

Construction and finishing operations progressed so well that school opened on September 15, 1930, only two weeks later than the normal opening date. The teachers for the first term in the new building were for the high school, Principal Elmer McCleary and teachers E. A. Franks, Raymond Smith, Vernon Miller, Edith Calvert, and in the grades, Helen Ayres 1 & 2, Mary Clymer 3 & 4, and Chesteen Chapple 5 & 6.

The first basketball game in the new gym was with Burket, Silver Lake lost by one point in an overtime game.

S. F. McKrill resigned as janitor of the Silver Lake school in 1931, after a few weeks over twenty-six years of service. He started in 1905 when he had to carry in wood enough daily to feed eight stoves.

In 1932 the school received a certificate from the State Board of Education reading "Commission Continuous from first to twelfth years inclusive."

The school was proud that "Lake Township Schools have best attendance record in the county, 97.7 percent."

The graduating class of 1933, to the present date, has the honor of being the largest in the history of the Silver Lake School, with twenty-six members.

The school progressed another step in 1935 when under Franchon Kline, now Mrs. Lewis Frey, a commercial department was added to the course of study. The department started with twelve new typewriters.

Various short term orchestras had been organized over the years but the first band to become a permanent part of the course of study was organized in 1937 by Mrs. Dale Amiss. This band included both grade and high school pupils.

Another kitchen was installed in the school building for the use of the public so that there would be no interference with the teaching of Home Economics. This kitchen was in what is now the music room. The music room at that time was in the room occupied by this years fifth grade.

The installation of a new gym floor became necessary in 1938 as a result of the ravages of termites.

The Silver Lake Baseball team under the coaching of Andrew (Andy) Fernung won the County Baseball trophy.

Asa Sprigg and his Advisory Board closed the Maple Grove School in 1939. Then all Lake Township pupils were transported to the Silver Lake school. The consolidation of all township schools planned by Trustee Arthur in 1901 was step by step accomplished over a period of thirty-eight years.

A State School Library law necessitated the partitioning off the west end of classroom number four for a library room. This room since has been slightly enlarged and is now the typing and commercial room.

The outbreak of infantile paralysis in the county in 1940 caused a three week delay in the opening of school. There were no cases in our community. They were only abiding by a county ruling.

May 1, 1941 the Silver Lake High School Band went to Hartford City to take part in the State Band Contest having won a first at the District Contest.

Between the years of 1942 and 1945 the school cooperated in the war effort by collecting old iron, milkweed pods, tin, and fats. A Physical Fitness class was added to the curriculum under the supervision of Chesteen Chapple in accordance with a government request.

A Hot Lunch program was first started in 1943 by the school under the supervision of the Home Economics Department with Virginia Vance as the teacher in charge.

In 1945 Trustee John Ferverda provided a fully equipped Chemistry Laboratory and the course in Chemistry was added to the course of study with Chesteen Chapple as the teacher.

For the first time in the history of basketball at Silver Lake a tournament Championship was won. The Sectional Championship of 1947 was won under coaching of Richard Beck.

The 1946-1947 school term was the first year that the school term was eight and one-half months long.

Facilities for a Veteran on the Farm training school were provided during the years from 1949 to 1953.

The athletic department made itself known again in 1951 when, under the coaching of Richard Beck, the basketball team came home with the County Tournament trophy.

By 1954 the school population of Lake Township had grown to the extent that is became necessary to organize the first six grades on a grade to the room basis rather than two grades to the room as had been the practice.

This was also the year Driver Training was added to the course of study with Sidney and Silver Lake sharing the service of Gale Metzger as teacher.

John Crim went to the National Science Fair with his research project on the Color Variation of Indian Corn after winning first place at the Regional Science Fair.

The Silver Lake school received about forty pupils from Seward Township as a result of the discontinuing of the High School at Burket in the fall of 1955.

Again the basketball team came home with a County Tournament trophy. This time under the coaching of Arthur Windmiller.

Early in 1956 Trustee Maurice Walther increased the school grounds by the purchase of slightly over five acres from Ruessel Kerlin. This made the playground large enough to accomodate both grade and high school pupil activities without endangering each other. This land was east and south of the previous school grounds.

For two years in succession the Silver Lake High School band under the direction of John Keim won a first place at the District Contest and thus were eligible to take part in the State Band Contest.

The faculty of the Silver Lake School teaching this centennial year is: Harvey Carey, Principal; Mildred Boley, English; Chesteen Chapple, Science; Emerson Fike, Agriculture; Fanchon Frey, Commerce; John Keim, Music; Jean Kissinger, Home Economics; Tom Miller, Physical Education; Mark Murphy, Social Studies; Patricia Ringenberg, Physical Education and English; Carl Sands, sixth; Francis Nordman, fifth; Fern Miller, fourth; Doris Crim, third; Amy Volovski, second; and Ruth Tollison, first.

Progress in education does not stand still. As we have seen, no period in the past century was the ultimate in educational progress. Many courageous and faithful persons were willing to subjugate their own desires for personal gain and their sentimental feelings and even risk ridicule to advocate what might have seemed radical at the time but lead to progress. Today's stage in education is evidently not the ultimate either so we of today should have the same faith and courage in order that future generation may profit from the fruits of progress.

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

1859 ..... F. O. Goldsmith, Clay Twp.
1860 ..... Gabrial Swihart, Clay Twp.
1861-62 ..... Adam Creager, Clay Twp.
1863 ..... John D. Gill, Clay Twp.
1864-65 ..... Albert Scoles, Clay Twp.
1866-67 ..... Joshua Caldwell, Clay Twp.
1868-70 ..... (Records missing) Clay Twp.
1871-72 ..... Adam Creager, First Lake Twp.
1873-80 ..... Thomas Rinehart
1881-83 ..... Joseph T. Kemper
1884-88 ..... Andrew D. Homman
1889-94 ..... Jacob Landis (C. E. Rants,) 1894-95
1895-1900 ..... J. J. Babcock
1901-1904 ..... John L. Arthur
1905-1908 ..... C. Leroy Leonard
1909-1914 ..... Noah M. Frantz
1915-1918 ..... Monroe Paulus
1919-1922 ..... John F. Clymer
1923-1930 ..... Marcus D. Yotter
1931-1934 ..... Andrew J. Hill
1935-1942 ..... Asa S. Sprigg
1943-1950 ..... John W. Ferverda
1951-1954 ..... Levi Hill
1955-1958 ..... Maurice Walther
1959- ..... Alton Kissinger

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

-1893	Records missing
1894-1897	W. H. Davis
1898-1900	Jesse E. Eschbach
1900-1902	S. L. Blue
1902-1904	H. F. Aduddell
1904-1906	Jesse E. Eschbach
1906-1908	Charles M. Reinoehl
1908-1913	Edgar E. Botts
1913-1921	J. D. Lee Kline
1921-1922	Frank E. Palmer
1922-1924	Mervel Smith
1924-1925	Frank Wheeler
1925-1928	W. S. Milburn
1928-1931	Elmer McCleary
1931-1935	Homer A. Lucas
1935-1937	George W. Davis
1937-1942	Moyne Landis
1942-1944	Guilford Gurnier
1944-1951	Owen M. Frey
1951-1955	John Frederick
1955-1959	Harvey Carey

Senior boys' rebellion against girls wearing slacks, 1950.

Junior-Senior Trip, 1945. Two days in Chicago

Sectional Champions, 1947.

First Chemistry Class, 1945

County Champions, 1950

The four sets of twins attending Silver Lake School in 1942.

Biology Class, 1941.

Scenes Proclaiming Opening of Centennial

and Burying The RAZOR Ceremonies

Letters to Santa Claus...

One of the town's very kind publishers was so interested in the welfare of the children that, for a few years, he set aside space in his papers, to allow letters "to Santa" to be published.

You may enjoy reading the requests of a few of the young citizens.

Dear Santa— I am a little boy seven years old. Christmas will soon be here. Please bring me a big bus, an airplane, and an oil truck, I guess this is all. Your little friend, Jack Summe.

Dear Santa— I am a little boy, seven years old. I would like you to bring me a football, some candy, and oranges. Your little friend, Paul Zile.

Dear Santa-- Hope you will stop at my house this year again. I live at the same place. I thank you for the things I got last year. Now I want some story books, a sled, a pair of zippers, a nice big doll, some handkerchiefs, and two games. I am eight years old. Catherin Grubb.

Dear Santa— Please give me an air gun, sled, some candy and nuts. Goodbye. Rex Parker.

Dear Santa— I am seven years old. Will you please bring me a sled and a gun and a drum. I live in the country. How are you? I am just fine. Is it cold up there where you are? Don Bouse.

My Dear Santa— I want a doll and a doll cab. But that is not all I want. I want a nice bottle of perfume. My little brother wants a pair of gun boots. Please be kind and bring me a doll and doll cab. Will you be here for our Christmas entertainment? I hope you will. We will all speak nice pieces for you, if you will just come. My teacher's name is Miss Martindale. There are thirty-five in our room. I am sure you would like to see us. I know I would like to see you. You are so sly, I never can catch you. I am going to be good this year, so I can have a lot of toys maybe. I live on Main Street. There is a little girl lives on the other side of me. She is a nice little girl. Her name is Arlene Braude. We are all good little children. With love, Elbert Frye.

Dear Santa— I want a tool box, sled, horn, pair of skates, some candy, a football, airgun, and a necktie. Your friend, Walter Jontz.

Dear Santa— I want you to come. I want a horn, rifle, some candy, top, wagon, and necktie. Your friend, Guy Clark.

Dear Santa— Please bring me a watch and football. Lowell Zile.

Dear Santa— Please bring me candy, nuts, and an airgun and sled. Your friend, Paul Parker.

Dear Santa— Please bring me a doll and a doll-cart. Goodby. Margaret Brown.

Dear Santa— Wish you would bring me an Ingersol watch. I will be home Christmas. Your friend, Stuart Fisher.

Dear Santa— How are you? I want a sled, watch, and tinkertoys, so I can play with them this winter. Also a flashlight. Your friend, Hayden Newhouse.

Dear Santa— I was well pleased with what you brought me last year. I want you to bring me a 5 cent chocolate bar and a poke of candy. It was nice what you brought last year, and bring me some oranges and bananas. You are the best Santa Clause I ever saw. I go to school at Maple Grove school. Dear Santa you are good. Goodby Santa. Dorcas Walther.

Dear Old St. Nick— I would like to have a watch and football. Are you very busy making Christmas gifts? How are you today? What night will you get to my house? On Christmas night? Do not forget. As ever, Dane Snoke.

Dear Santa— I live up by Center Church, and I go to Silver Lake school. I am a little girl. Will you please bring me a doll and cart. I would like to have it so well. Would you please bring a bracelet, too? And brother would like to have a sled. We have never had any sled. We are all good children. Mabel Carr.

PRESENT CENTER E. U. B. CHURCH

Refer to story on page 73, for complete history.

Centennial Committees

GENERAL CHAIRMEN: Gilbert Smith, Ronald Richard, Dean Zellers
Old Timer Committee: William Kneller, Paul Zile, Ballard Hackworth.
Carnival Committee: Charles Raber, Walter Jontz, Russell Kerlin.
Parade: Paul Parker, Billy Summe, Lowell Zile.
Contest Committee: Maurice Walther, Ivan Zimpelman.
Antique Committee: Worby Clinker, Charles Fields, Charles Haney.
History Committee: Alton Kissinger, Clarence Grubb, Don Bouse.
Grounds Committee: Wayne Bouse, Ted Kerlin, Harold Swihart.
Advertising Committee: Alex Miller, Gene Arnold, Jack Shipley.

CHAIRMAN OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:
Badges: Robert Zimmer.
Jail: Franklin Jones.
Non-Co-operators: Ivan Zimpelman.
Advertising: John Yoder.
Judge Beards and Dresses: Walter Jontz.
Jailer: Bill Pegg.
Jail Sentences: Alex Miller.

Stuart Lindzy, President.
Robert S. Zimmer, Secretary.

Our Thanks . . .

Reconstructing in word and pictures the past one hundred years of Silver Lake and immediate vicinity, has been a distinct and unforgetable pleasure. Were we to make a specific dedication, it would most certainly be to those forefathers who had the courage, spirit, and foresight to assume and accept the responsibilities placed on them a century ago.

We wish to thank all of those who participated in any way at all, in helping to compile the information we have obtained. There will be those who doubt the veracity of some statements, perhaps rightfully so. However, we have attempted to make this book as nearly correct as possible, and trust that it may be a guide for the beginning of the next century.

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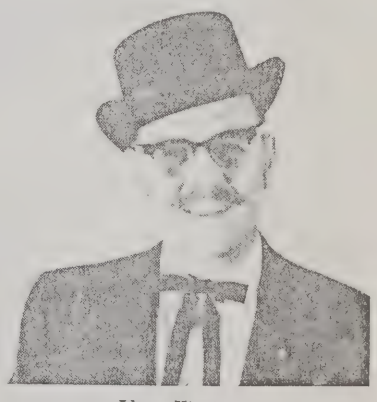

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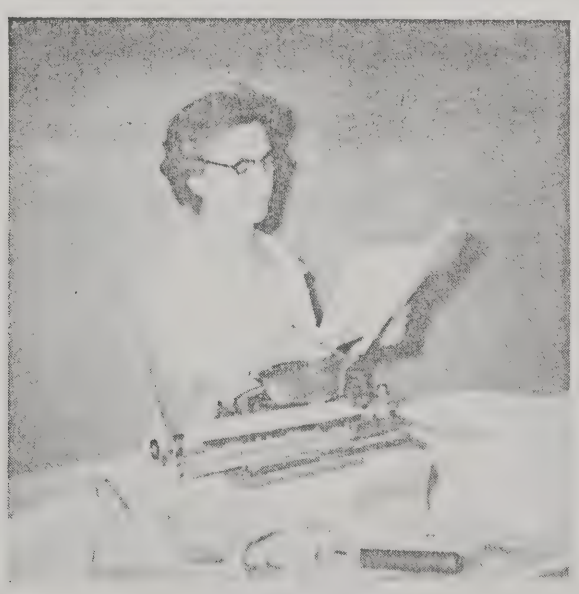

Mrs. Don Bouse

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